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THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1999

Berra throws first pitch

By Steven Bonasia

Special to The Montclarion

Rain did not keep fans from Thursday's conference opener between MSU and William Paterson University, where New York Yankee's great Yogi Berra threw the first pitch.

The game marked the first New Jersey Athletic Conference baseball game played at Yogi Berra Stadium, and the 143rd meeting by the two schools, said the Office of Sports Relations.

"I don't care if its college or the major leagues, there's nothing like the first game," Yogi Berra said before he made his way onto the field.

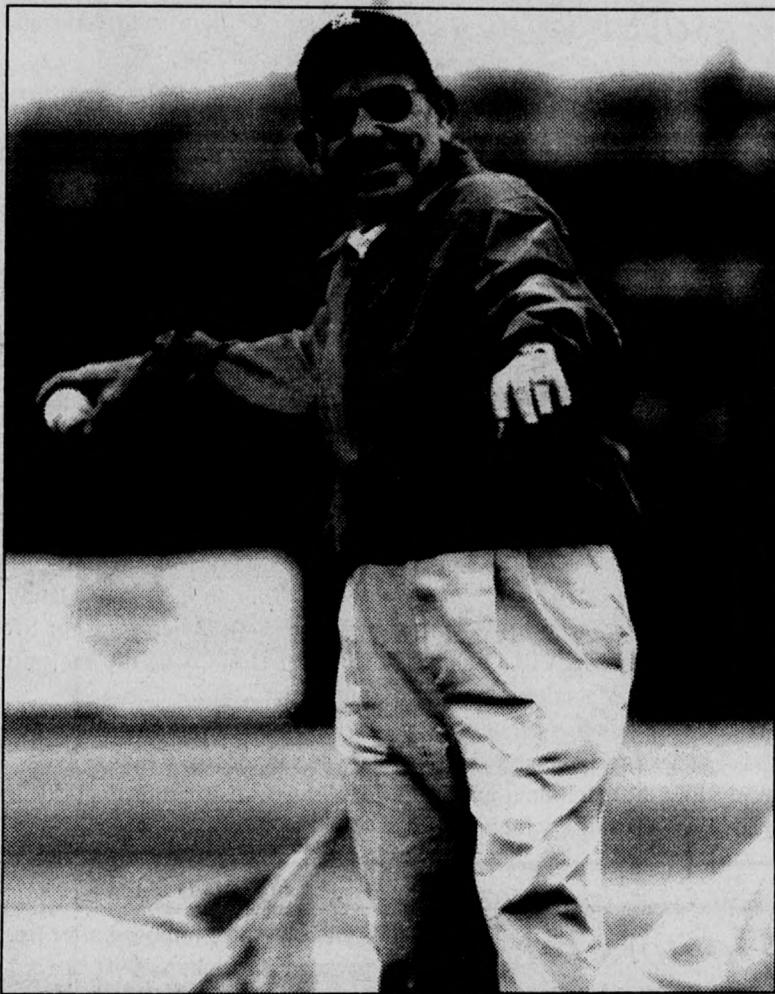
A special day including MSU giveaways, trivia contests, and live radio coverage by WGHT Radio (1500 AM) added to the intensity of the day, said WPU head coach Jeff Albies.

"This is the kind of attention and support college events need in order to be successful," Albies said.

The rivalry alone had coaches and players excited about the game, but Berra's presence added much more to the day.

"It allows for one of the finest gentlemen in baseball to be present at the game," said MSU head coach Norm Schoenig.

After a 25-minute rain delay, Berra, wearing a MSU cap, walked out onto the tarp covered mound and threw the first pitch to MSU



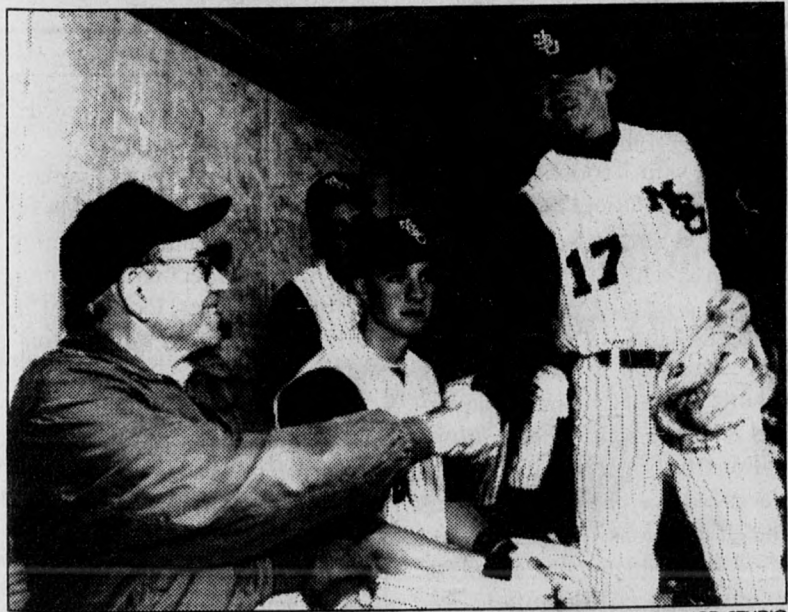
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STRIKE ONE: The former catcher who normally received most pitches, threw the first ball at Thursday's game vs. William Patterson.

catcher Alex Bosch, and the crowd cheered in appreciation for Yogi as he stepped off the field.

He put a lot into this and was nice enough to give a stadium to the university. We hope to play our best and give him a win today," said Red Hawk shortstop Dave Wurst.

The Red Hawks trailed WPU through seven innings, but a triple by MSU center fielder Dan Wydner drove in one run to tie the score at 5-5. Despite an eighth inning rally, the Red Hawks, fell to the Pioneers 6 to 5, failing to win one for Berra.



STEVE HOCKSTEIN/ HARVARD STUDIO

A GAME FOR ALL AGES: Retired New York Yankee Yogi Berra shakes hands with Red Hawk All-American Center fielder Dan Wydner in the Yogi Berra Stadium dugout before the conference opener.

U.S. forces in Kosovo debated at quad forum

By Jim Davison

Assistant Opinion Editor

Students held an open forum in the Student Center on Tuesday about the US and NATO air strikes against Serbia.

Hundreds attended the event, and both faculty members and students voiced a myriad of viewpoints on the topic, ranging from strong advocacy to fierce admonishment of US involvement in the Kosovo conflict.

Professor Eliot Graff, English professor and organizer of the event, began the discussion by urging all in attendance to state their views.

After Graff, Grover Furr of the English department spoke of the United State's imperialist interests in Yugoslavia.

Many students and faculty spoke on different sides, such as Zoren Sebek, a Serbian who was moved to tears when speaking

about two cousins who had died. Another student stated that our actions were not unjust.

"Milosovic chose war," the student stated.

A student of Music Education characterized our actions in Serbia as a "moral nightmare."

Professor Tim Watson of the English department questioned what had happened to the peace dividend, the money that was supposed to be made available from a decreased defense budget, which was spoken about by politicians a few years back.

"I think this is great, that 200 people have come out for this," Watson said, after the discussion.

The rest of the list of speakers includes Ellie Garcia, a member of the New Jersey Socialist's Campaign, a Sister of Charity, a professor from the Spanish and Italian department, and a former ma-

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Albanian student's family broken

By Kara Richardson

Managing Editor

The phone has been ringing off the hook at MSU junior Basim Bruncaj's house in Bloomingdale over the past two weeks. He and his Albanian family receives invitations for rallies, calls to send money and questions about the crisis in Kosovo. The phone call they have been praying for has yet to come.

Since the NATO bombing campaign began over two weeks ago, Bruncaj lost touch with his Aunt Ayosha. According to Bruncaj, she watched as Serbian forces torched her village. Ayosha was separated from her son who ran off when a rocket went through her roof, Bruncaj said.

"She told us they killed everything, even the cows and the chickens," Bruncaj said.

"I don't know where she is but because she is from such a small village, she may be a victim of ethnic cleansing."

"Maybe she headed to Madagascar, her home was close to that border," Bruncaj said. "It may already be too late."

Bruncaj said his family was relieved when they heard from his uncles who fled from Pristina. They called the Brunjac household



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OFF THE HOOK: Albanian student Basim Bruncaj answers one of many calls regarding rally invitations and donations about Kosovo.

collect to ensure their family that they were safe once they arrived in refugee camps in Macedonia.

Now, with word of refugee camps being drained like the one in Blace, Macedonia, where 65,000 refugees were taken without a trace in the middle of the night, Bruncaj can no longer be sure of his uncles' safety.

Since the bombing, the Bruncaj household speaks of nothing but the situation in Kosovo.

The TV is switched from CNN to MSNBC, trying to get the latest news or even a glimpse of Aunt Ayosha's face.

Although the conflict between Serbs and Albanians has escalated over the past year, Bruncaj said that he was aware of problems for almost ten years.

His family has been sending money to his uncle who was fired along with thousands of other Al-

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OFF-CAMPUS

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MSU POLICE REPORT

• **3/31** Male reports he was sitting in his car parked on College Ave. near Blanton Hall when someone threw a bottle, smashing his windshield. It could not be determined where the bottle was thrown from.

• **4/1** Female calls police headquarters from a pay phone in lot 9 reported feeling ill. Victim was involved in a motor vehicle accident the previous day. Officers responded. Victim complained of feeling faint all day, and having pain in her head, neck, back, shoulder and knee. Victim was transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

• **4/2** Female reports a male classmate has been verbally abusive toward her. Victim will sign criminal complaint if abuse continues.

• **4/5** Female employee reports money was stolen from her purse which was left unattended in the SGA office in the Student Center.

• **4/5** Female maintenance worker hurt her back while emptying garbage in Dickson Hall. Victim was transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

• **4/5** Male pedestrian was struck by a car West Quarry Way. Upon officers' arrival male was lying on the side of the road with a head injury. Victim was transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

• **4/6** Male fell while playing hockey at the Floyd Hall Arena, dislocating his shoulder. Victim was transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

SGA NEWS & NOTES

- Electronic voting may be available for elections as soon as next fall.
- Food Services has posted menus for the cafeterias under the Food Services subheading on MSU's web site.
- The SGA will accept no bills after April 19th at 4 P.M.
- All residents of Russ and Freeman Hall must sign a petition to expand Russ computer lab hours to 24 hours a day for the last three weeks of school.

FOR THE RECORD

On page 24 of the April 1 issue of *The Montclarion*, in the caption under the photo for the story "Red Hawks split first two home games..." the featured player is second baseman Craig Conway from Mountainside.

The Montclarion willingly corrects its factual errors. If you think that we have made a mistake in a story please call Editor-In-Chief, Kevin P. Hancock, at 973-655-5230.

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY



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FRIDAY



showers

HI: 56° LO: 46°

SATURDAY



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SUNDAY



rain

HI: 60° LO: 39°

U.S. NEWS

Kosovar refugees housed in Cuba

The United States will use its naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as a temporary home for up to 20,000 Kosovo refugees, administration and congressional sources told CNN on Tuesday.

The sources said airlifting of the first refugees could begin by the end of the week.

Before settling on Guantanamo, the Clinton administration also had considered military bases in Guam and Europe as temporary camps for the homeless Kosovars who have been streaming by the thousands to neighboring Albania, Macedonia and the Yugoslav republic of Montenegro.

It will take several days to bring in extra personnel and prepare the U.S. military facility so it

can adequately house the Kosovars and supply them with food and medical attention.

Gambino legacy growing thin

John "Junior" Gotti's surprise guilty plea Monday in Westchester County was another big blow to New York's five Mafia families, where age and incessant prosecution are taking a devastating toll against the once-mighty mob.

Gotti, who pleaded guilty to racketeering, bribery, extortion and other charges, is the highest-profile mobster to take a fall lately. But the son of the jailed-for-life "Dapper Don" is hardly the only one.

Another top Gambino family leader, John "Jackie Nose" D'Amico, also pleaded guilty in the case.

Mom of girl switched at birth wants both kids

Paula Johnson, the mother of one of the 3-year-old girls switched at birth, will sue for custody of her biological daughter and also wants to keep the other girl, whom she is raising, her attorney John Blakely said. Johnson also will appeal a judge's approval Monday of the \$2 million settlement between the state and the families who are raising her biological daughter, Rebecca Chittum, Blakely said.

Part of the agreement provides money for the grandparents who share custody of Rebecca. Blakely told Circuit Judge Thomas Wood that the settlement was insufficient and that at least \$1 million should go solely to the child.

WORLD NEWS

Doctors break U.S. sanctions by aiding Iraq

Risking as much as 12 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines, doctors from two U.S.-based groups traveled to Iraq on Monday and donated \$50,000 worth of medicines and books.

In a public show of defiance of U.N. sanctions, the items were personally delivered to Baghdad University Medical School and hospitals by the Chicago-based group Voices in the Wilderness and the Seattle-based Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Some 500,000 Iraqi children have died from malnutrition or lack of medical attention since

sanctions were imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, according to the U.N. Children's Fund.

"I am concerned that American taxpayers are paying for these sanctions that are killing the people of Iraq," said Physicians for Social Responsibility member Gerri Haynes. She was joined by other American doctors, as well as colleagues from Canada and Australia.

NATO denies Milosevic of a one-day Easter cease-fire

NATO on Tuesday immediately rejected an offer by Yugosla-

via for a unilateral cease-fire to mark the Orthodox Easter.

The alliance insisted that the bombing would continue until Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic ends the crackdown on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo and allows the return of hundreds of thousands of refugees.

"To honor the biggest Christian holiday, Easter, all actions of the army and police will stop in Kosovo against the terrorist organization KLA, starting April 6 at 8 p.m. (2 p.m. EDT)," said a government statement carried by Serbian TV.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Nebojsa Vujovic told CNN that Yugoslavia would be approaching international aid agencies to discuss the return of the Kosovo refugees.

LOCAL NEWS

Another three DOA in an SUV

All three occupants of a sport utility vehicle were killed when it skidded and flipped over on the Garden State Parkway Monday night, police said. The accident occurred shortly before 11 p.m. and remains under investigation.

The victims were identified as Prasant K. Kansara, 30, and Mital Kansara, 21, both of Hillsdale, and Venur Kansara, 15, of Cliffside Park.

"Sport utility vehicles...get a little bit unstable at high rates of speed," said Trooper Anthony Gray of Bloomfield State Police.

Montclair Fire Dept. is hot topic

Montclair is debating plans to build one modern fire headquarters and two turn-of-the-century stations to bolster, and in some places replace, their four existing outdated stations.

The headquarters, slated for an empty lot on Bloomfield Av-

enue near Pine Street, is expected to cost at least \$2 million.

The building would replace the existing fire headquarters on Bloomfield Avenue near Valley Road, plus another one of the three satellite firehouses, located at 151 Harrison Ave., 588 Valley Road and 95 Walnut St.

The formula to upgrade the Fire Department's physical plant — up for review at an April 13 township council meeting — still faces an uncertain future despite a planning history that spans more than 10 years.

What's to come

In
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Stories
in progress

Make your vote count

Christine Zielinski reports on the results of the upcoming SGA elections. See if your chosen candidates got the winning ticket.

Yogi Berra Museum holds the trophy

The 1998 World Series trophy will be placed in the Yogi Berra Museum on April 14. Find out how MSU is sharing in the Yankees' current success.

MSU Police drives beyond ticketing

Campus safety and security cracks down on illegal parking by towing cars at the Clove Road apartments. Find out why your car may be next.

Cole sticker gift latest in advertising campaign

By Christine Zielinski

Assistant News Editor

Static cling car decals dipped into the university's advertising campaign fund on March 5, when Dr. Susan Cole, MSU president, mailed the decals and a memo to the faculty. Dr. Gregory Waters, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, said that the decals were a spin-off of the current advertising campaign.

Waters estimated that the decals cost approximately five cents a piece. He said that the university's entire operating budget was approximately \$122 million, and the board of trustees allocated \$500,000 to support advertising, less than one percent.

Waters jokingly answered "a lot" upon inquiry of the total number of decals produced.

Cole said it was more cost effective to make the decals, keep them, and use them for different occasions.

"When a university increases opportunities for support, the legislature is more willing to provide funding," Cole said.

Cole said that the decal's purpose was to promote school pride.

"MSU really offers an extraordinary higher education program, but people don't think of it first," Cole said. "You can have the best university in the world, but it doesn't work if nobody knows about it."

Cole said she wanted the university to be in the front of the public's mind so they would look into admissions details.

Waters said that the decals were not only to promote school pride and awareness, but also to distribute at various events.

"We [administration] realize that our students go to the mall, they go to the store, and they spend a lot of time in their cars," Cole said. "We have to get the name out there."

"The decals were made available to all students and all alumni," Waters said. "They [the decals] will be used in mailings that go out later this spring."

Waters said that boxes of the decals were deposited around campuses at locations such as College Hall and Sprague Library so that every student could have one. They were also mailed to employees.

Cole said that although the decals' use in the advertising campaign was not specifically designed to increase enrollment, they did attract model students.

Waters said that other advertising methods, such as the radio ads, billboards, and bus ads have also proven effective.

"The data shows that radio ads have produced extremely interesting feedback... and it's reminded people of MSU," Cole said.

"[The advertising campaign was] wonderfully effective and has resulted in over 1,500 visits to the web site," Waters said.

Advertising is important and the current campaign began last year to raise awareness of student/faculty relations, but now wants to focus more on students, Waters said.

"To me, anything they do extra is good," freshman Camhan Birick said. "It shows that they go that extra second step. Everybody's starting to hear about it."

"I think that they should not only do this, but show what the community has to offer," junior Besim Bruncaj said. "Distribute The Montclarion outside the campus and advertise what we have."

Sprague archives shut doors to students



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HIDDEN HISTORY: Montclarion Opinion Page Editor, Justin Vellucci's research in the Sprague library archives prompted library officials to close the archives after his November column which revealed poor preservation of university documents.

By Dan Lombardi

Staff Writer

The Sprague Archives are closed to students after a recent decision to enforce an already present rule.

The decision came after Justin Vellucci's column in a November issue of The Montclarion calling attention to the archives' decrepted condition.

"He [Vellucci] gave us a wake up call," said Patricia Sanders, head of the library's Reference and Information department. "There's a lot of valuable information in there."

"There's valuable archival material and something has to be preserved," said Sanders.

The library hierarchy fears that the texts and papers, which go back to when the school was first built and are one of a kind, might be lost or destroyed if students are allowed un-monitored access to the archives.

Students will still be allowed access to the material, they simply will not be allowed to browse on their own inside the archives.

If students seek archival material, they must notify a librarian or an assistant who will retrieve the information.

The archives are always locked, but in the past students were granted access upon request, but they were often left unattended with the material.

Disallowing unsupervised access was always a rule for use of the archives, but it was not enforced.



South American exchange program confirmed by Cole

By Tasha Wilson

Special to The Montclarion

A faculty and student exchange program was confirmed between MSU and University de Belgranodo, when the Memorandum of Understanding was signed on March 18.

The program may consist of semester-long teaching exchanges, distance learning projects, short term faculty visits, collaborative research and joint grant proposals.

Dr. Susan Cole, MSU President, said the program will combine English taught Spanish language instructions, Argentine and Latin American literature, the media, and Argentine history and society.

Universidad de Belgranodo offers education on information technology, humanities, agricultural sciences, architecture and urbanism, economics, engineering, health sciences, law and social sciences, natural sciences and international studies.

Cole said that not just MSU students will benefit from the program.

"MSU will sponsor this program for the College of Consortium of International Studies (CCIS), an organization of more than 100 colleges and universities nationwide. CCIS also attracts students from non-member institutions through its website (studyabroad.com) and its excellent outreach program," Cole said.

Any interested student can visit MSU's web site.

Kosovo

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rine and father of two children.

"I had been touched just being here," said one previously uninformed student.

"We stand up here complaining, but are doing nothing about [the situation in Serbia]," said a Serbian student named Nebojsa Zlatnovic.

Some students questioned the possible effects of the demonstration.

"I think that we gave the faculty and students a large forum at which they could voice their opinions and that this is a beginning from which actions will follow," Graff said. "I just wanted to get people talking about what the facts are..."

"[The debate was] to foster critical thinking about these issues [air strikes] on campus...It troubled me that no campus wide discussion had taken place prior to this," Graff said.

Graff said that he organized this discussion with no intention of creating a pro or con war rally, but he wanted to call into question the public's priorities.

"We know little about a person named Milosovic, but we know a lot about a person named Monica," Graff said.



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WHEELING WORRIERS: In a contest forced into overtime the NJ Wheelchair All-Stars defeated members of the MSU community in a charity game for Disabilities Awareness Week, last Monday night in Panzer Gymnasium.

ROCK'N AND ROLL'N



Family

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banians in Kosovo in 1991. Bruncaj said Albanian people lost their jobs as Serbian President Slobodan Milosovic tried to gain popularity with the Serbian people in a nationalism campaign, but according to Bruncaj, that was just beginning.

"My cousin went to a secret school in an old building, taught by Albanian teachers who were earlier fired by the Serbs," Bruncaj said.

Albanians set up a shadow government as the Serbs slowly lost rights to their culture, Bruncaj said.

"They [NATO] say that this [NATO bombing] is strictly for humanitarian reasons but history does not show response to other humanitarian violations like China and Rwanda," Bruncaj said.

"In protests against the bombing, a lot of people say that it is for economic reasons," Bruncaj said. "That might be so. But who cares if it's for reasons, those refugees would be slaughtered without the bombing."

As hundreds of thousands of refugees pour out of Kosovo, Bruncaj fears that Serbs are not the victims here, but the murderers.

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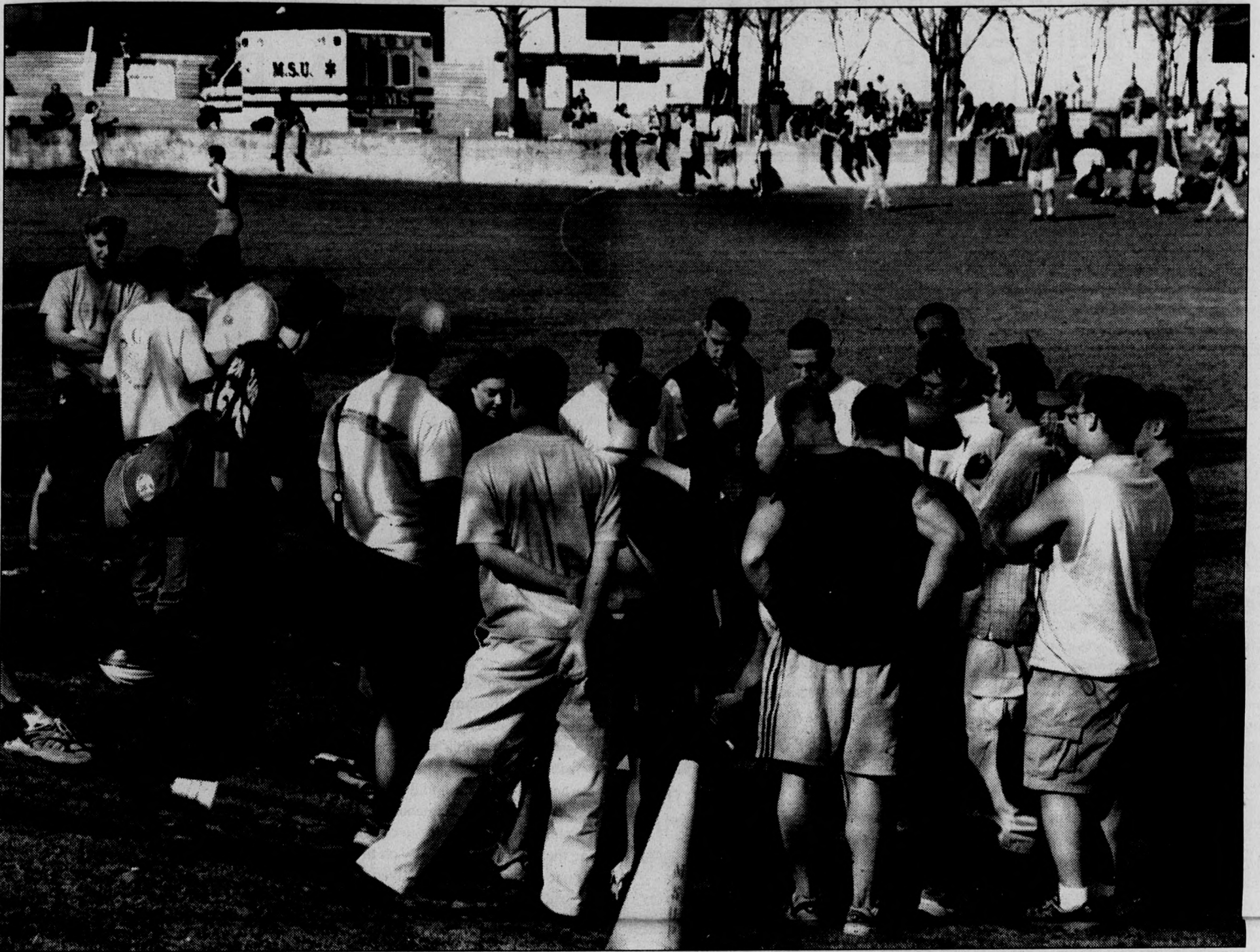
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...SOMEONE GETS HURT: One person was taken to the hospital by the Montclair Volunteer Ambulance Unit yesterday afternoon during a Delta Chi and Pi Kappa Alpha pick-up football game in front of the Student Center. Meanwhile, the university EMS ambulance sits idle in the quad.

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Goals

When I came to Montclair State University three years ago, I knew I wanted to be president of the SGA. Well the time is here and I have done what I feel I needed to do to be ready for the challenge that awaits me. I was a legislator since my first semester freshman year, also serving as President Pro-Tempore my sophomore year. I received the honor of “Legislator of the Year” during that time. I then moved on to become Vice-President of the SGA, which I am proud to say has been among the greatest experiences of my life. I have also sat on several committees for both the SGA and campus community as a whole. But my experience is only half of what qualifies me to be president. Some of my other qualifications include my potential to make serious and significant changes. I have spent many years learning the issues that are prevalent on campus. The issues include quality of life, quality of buildings on campus, security, and student services. Another ability I feel makes me best suited for president is that I am fully capable of considering issues as they arise. This is one of the most important qualities that I can bring to the position. My team and I are ready to accept the responsibilities of the leadership positions.

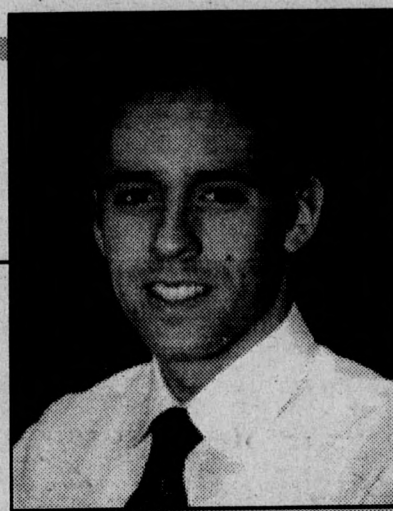
Candidate for Vice President

Mike Kazimir

Major: Speech Communications
Year: Junior
GPA: 2.7

Experience

- 3 years SGA legislator
- VP of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
- Multicultural Diversity Weekend
- Unity Collaboration
- Project Pride
- Eagle Scout
- Fundraising Chair North Jersey Boy Scout Museum



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Goals

My decision to run for the office of Vice President of the Student Government came with much thought and consideration. Having been a legislator for three years, I am familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the office. I am confident that my ability and my dedication to the SGA qualify me for the position. However, I intend to do more than merely fulfill the duties of the position of Vice President. I would like to continue the drive for quality programming on campus during the week and especially on the weekends. My goal is that students will no longer only go to classes, but get involved in their campus community. There are a number of other issues facing our campus such as safety, the ability to use the library on a 24 hour basis, the quality of the living accommodations on campus, the quality of food service, the image of Greek Life, and the promotion of student accomplishments not only within our community but also outside the university. I have chosen to run on a ticket with John Griffin for President, Latasha Casterlow for Treasurer, and Nidara Rourk for Secretary, knowing that this TEAM will serve the Students of Montclair with vision and determination. Therefore leading Montclair into the new millennium with the motivation that we can achieve whatever we put our minds to.

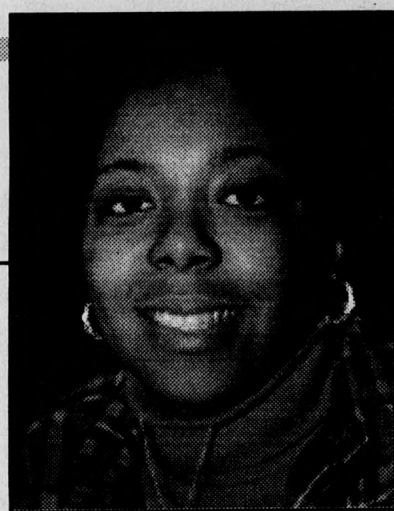
Candidates for Treasurer

Latasha Casterlow

Major: Music Education
Year: Junior
GPA: 2.6

Experience

- OSAU Vice-President
- SGA Secretary
- SGA President Pro-Tempore/ Legislator
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Rho Pi Chapter President
- President's commission on Affirmative Action Representative
- OSAU Gospel Choir Member
- OSAU Dance Troupe Member
- National Pan Hellenic Council Representative
- Greek Council Representative
- Admissions Ambassador
- Resident Assistant - Blanton Hall



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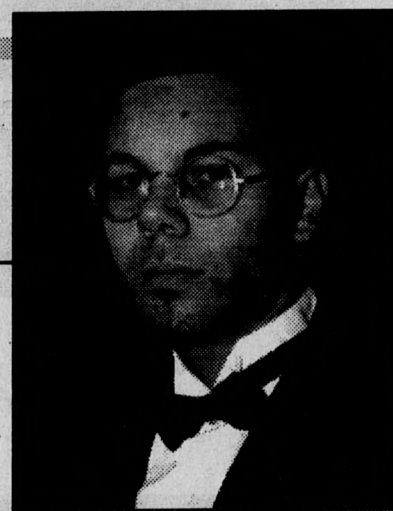
I would like to develop more recreational activities such as an on-campus movie theatre, extended library hours, continuous improvement of the Department of Campus Safety and Security, more co-sponsorships with the Student Government and Class I, II, III and IV organizations. I want to provide the students of MSU the most enjoyable college experience.

Shariff Elhagin

Major: Music Education
Year: Junior
GPA: 3.1

Experience

- Chair of SGA appropriations committee
- Has worked with the current SGA treasurer, president and bookkeeper to learn how to fulfill the position
- SGA legislator for 2 years
- Runs an agency for disc jockeys
- Worked well with organizations all year



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Goals

I would like to look into obtaining a blue lighting system on campus, help create a better medical insurance policy, work with organizations to create better budgets and to see more activities and events held on campus. Also I would like to see another 24 hour computer lab on campus.

CANDIDATE PROFILES



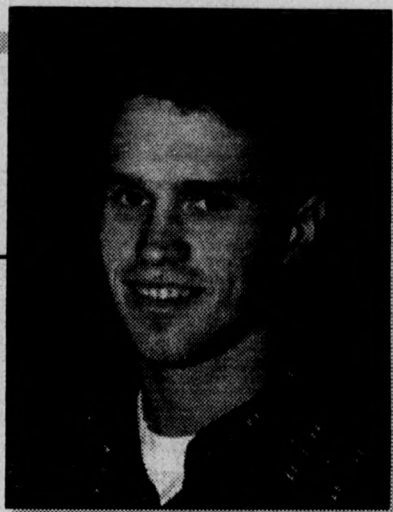
THE 1999 SGA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

William Guardino

Major: Human Ecology
Year: Junior
GPA: 3.2

Experience

- SGA President Pro Tempore
- 3 year SGA legislator
- President of NJC WaterWatch
- International Peer Mentor
- Honor Student
- Eagle Scout
- Resident Assistant
- Member of C.L.U.B.



“I wish to run an efficient but friendly office.”

Goals

I wish to promote the SGA and its subsidiary organizations, to work towards the improvement of academic services and to run an efficient but friendly office.

Candidates for Secretary

Nidara Rourk

Major: English
Year: Sophomore
GPA: 3.0

Experience

- Office assistant to Dr. Sandra Collins 11/97 - 5/98
- Office assistant for the SGA 9/98 - present



“I plan to enhance the office and duties of the secretarial position...”

Goals

I plan to enhance the office and duties of the secretarial position by rejuvenating the diminishing aspect of publicity. I plan to start with the legislators, making them aware of their obligation to know the concerns of the students. Secondly, I want to directly impact the student body by flyers, more accessible open forums at least each semester, and overall accessibility and knowledge of the inner-workings of the Student Government Association, Inc.

Candidates for BOT Student Alternate

Thomas J. Esposito

Major: Business
Year: Sophomore
GPA: 3.15

Experience

- Theta Xi Fraternity, chapter treasurer 99-00
- Greek Council Rep - Fall 98
- 3 year SGO representative - Belleville High School, held fundraising committee chair senior year.



“I am extremely dedicated and will not be afraid to stand up for what I believe.”

Goals

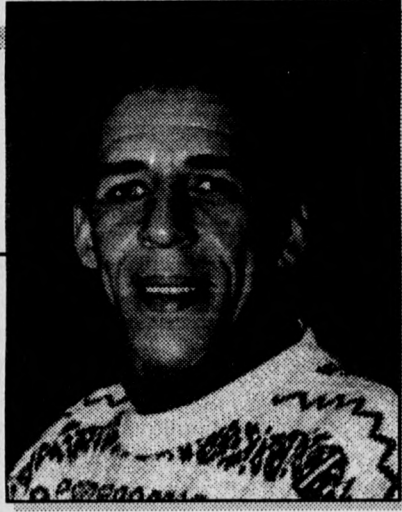
I will strive to be the most dedicated, most informed BOT representative in years to come. This position requires the holder to have his homework done and know the facts. I am extremely dedicated and will not be afraid to stand up for what I believe is best for the entire campus of Montclair State University.

Ned Gross, Jr.

Major: Accounting
Year: 2nd Year
GPA: 3.26

Experience

- Student leader with Unity Collaboration
- Leader of self-help group
- 20 years of experience in business
- 15 years experience in business dealing with decision makers



“I believe that my various life experiences will be a great asset to the BOT.”

Goals

I believe that my various life experiences can and will be a great asset to the Board of Trustees. The following are goals I have as it concerns the services the student body is entitled to. I would like to establish an office and e-mail account whereas all students know and can come into direct contact with their representative. I want to petition the BOT for funds to improve computer services in Richardson Hall as well as throughout the campus. I would like to make sure we as students are represented on the various committees within the administration that we are entitled to. I wish to become more visible to the student body through a monthly column in *The Montclarion* called the “BOT Corner” which would inform all students of decisions directly affecting them. I will be a strong voice for the student body thereby giving them a strong and more visible representative that can achieve positive and direct change. Remember education is a we affair! Together we can make a difference!

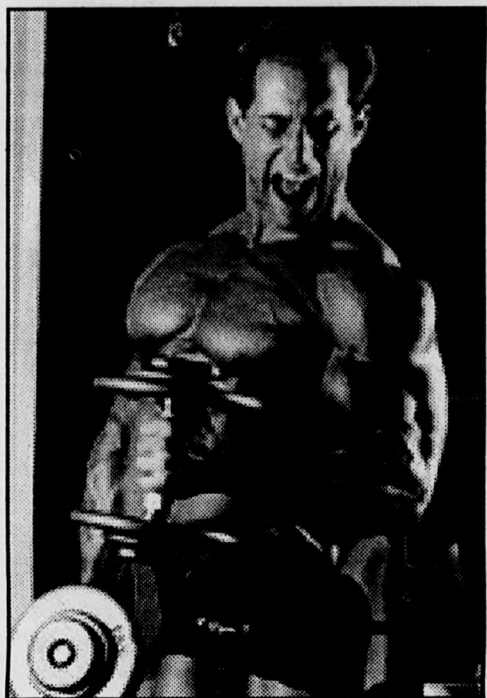
Needles and muscles do not mix: the dangers of steroid use

By Lisa Gribbin

Assistant Feature Editor

Worried about how you will look in a bathing suit this summer? How about those shorts that seemed to fit last year, but have gotten smaller in the dryer? If you are beginning to fret about the upcoming months, you are not alone. Many may be trying to watch diets and exercise to prepare for the warm weather that is quickly approaching.

Unfortunately, people will turn to the wrong methods for losing weight in order to drop pounds quickly or become more toned. Some may exercise compulsively or rigidly count fat grams while others may use diet pills or laxatives.



COURTESY OF NET PHOTOS

Many men try to bulk up by lifting weights, a healthy alternative to steroid use.

Some may even turn to the use of steroids to get the body they always wanted.

The use of anabolic steroids in athletes first began in the United States by weightlifters in the 1950's. As more synthetic steroids were produced, more athletes began to use them as well. By the

1970's, steroid use had spread to Olympic athletes.

In 1983, 19 athletes were disqualified from the Olympics for the use of steroids. Statistics compiled by the Center of Substance Abuse Research show that there are as many as one million steroid users in the United States today. Most of these users are 25 years old and younger.

Although steroids can be used by men and women, statistics show that male use of steroids is generally more common. While steroid use typically was associated with athletes wishing to increase their strength, studies from the Center for Substance Abuse Research at the University of Maryland show otherwise. Many of today's steroid abusers are non-athletic and are simply trying to improve their appearance.

The Center for Substance Abuse Research at the University of Maryland defines anabolic steroids as substances that promote the building of muscle tissue or the accumulation of nitrogen in muscle protein. Altering the male sex hormone testosterone creates the steroids.

An anabolic activity such as exercise results in an increase of muscle mass. Similar results, however, are achieved by the use of anabolic steroids. A person's muscle tissue will increase when they take the chemically manufactured steroids. Many people combine rigorous exercise with steroid use to achieve their desired results.

As the person focuses on what they think is a stronger, better body, they face many imminent health dangers. When a male begins using anabolic steroids, his body stops producing testosterone naturally. When the male body stops producing testosterone, the production of sperm stops as well. It has been determined that many steroid users will have fertility problems in the future.

The use of anabolic steroids has been shown, in some studies, to cause an enlargement of the heart. The muscle cells in the heart grow faster than the blood vessel supply can keep up with. This occurrence creates an area of heart tissue with poor circulation and leads to the death of

new cells, which can cause a heart attack. Steroid use affects the immune system by increasing the activity of cells that normally attack infection and bacteria. The cells become so overactive that they can attack the tissues of the body, leading to the development of autoimmune diseases.

Liver damage can also result depending on the type of steroids used, how much you are using and how long you have been using them. Certain chemicals in the bloodstream increase when damaged. These chemicals signify possible liver damage. According to studies, anabolic steroid users have up to twice the level of these chemicals in their bloodstream compared to those who are not users.

Males can develop a condition known as "gynecomastia," which changes the anabolic steroids into the female sex hormone estrogen. Breast development results from this process. Although there have been no studies conducted that suggest permanent damage to brain tissue, users of anabolic steroids do show a change in their emotional behavior and users tend



to become more aggressive.

The use of anabolic steroids can result in many dangerous consequences that can be permanent and fatal. You may develop a heart or liver condition, suffer from extreme changes in behavior and attitudes and experience bouts with infertility.

If you or someone you know is using steroids, you should seek help for this type of drug abuse. Talk to a friend or medical professional. If you would like more information about steroid use and its effects, you can contact the Center for Substance Abuse Research at the University of Maryland at www.cesar.umd.edu.

MINDOVERMATTER

By Dr. Susan Herman

Stress Management

part one of a part two series

Most people think that stress is easily defined. In many cases stress has a particular face or can be identified as an event. Indeed, events such as a car accident, academic troubles, relationship breakup, illness and job loss qualify. Stress is simply a response to mental wear and tear.

The terminology defining stressful states ranges from high anxiety to burnout with nervous tension somewhere in the middle. What is important about the perception of stress is that not all individuals respond to stressful situations in the same way. The key concept is PERCEPTION. What might be considered stress to one individual would be considered stimulation to another. The difference between them is response style.

ME, FIGHT?

Stressful events are accompanied by a physical response. Our bodies rev up with adrenaline to prepare us for "fight or flight." This is actually an old survival mechanism. In a civilized society there is rarely a need to defend or manage a stressful event by using physical force. Powerful emotions, however, accompany the "fight or flight"

arousal. Those emotions stimulate a biochemical response that then prepare us to fight. Unfortunately, the response, if constantly triggered, can have a devastating effect on the body. New studies show that chronic long-term stress can influence the immune system. Ongoing stress impairs the ability of the immune system to do its job: fend off disease. Even daily stress can cause a rise in harmful chemicals that may effect the immune system.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MANAGE STRESS?

Not all people react the same way to stress. A corollary is that not all therapies for stress suit all personalities. Take the test below to find your best form of relaxation.

STRESS STYLE

"Stress is simply a response to mental wear and tear."

Imagine yourself in a stressful situation. When you are feeling anxious, what do you typically experience?

Check all that apply:

1. My heart beats faster.
2. I find it difficult to concentrate because of distracting thoughts.
3. I worry too much about things that don't really matter.
4. I feel jittery.
5. I imagine terrifying scenes.
6. I get diarrhea.
7. I can't keep anxiety provoking pictures and images out of my mind.
8. My stomach gets tense.
9. I pace up and down nervously.

10. I am bothered by unimportant thoughts running through my mind.

11. I become immobilized.

12. I feel like I am losing out on things because I can't make decisions fast enough.

13. I perspire.

14. I can't stop thinking about things that worry me.

STRESS TYPES

- Physical Stressers feel tension in the body: jitters, butterflies, racing heart, sweats.
- Mental Stressers experience stress in the mind-worries, obsessive thoughts.
- Mixed Type Stressers react with both responses in about equal measure.

Scoring:

If you answered yes to the following questions: 2,3,6,7,10,14 give yourself a MIND point for each answer.

If you answered yes to the following: 1,4,5,8,9,11,13 give yourself a BODY point for each. If you have more MIND than BODY points consider yourself a mental stress type. If you have more BODY than MIND points, you stress style is physical. If you have about the same number of each you are a MIXED reactor.

TUNE INTO NEXT WEEK'S EDITION FOR WAYS TO HANDLE YOUR STRESS!

Stepping goes beyond just a method of transportation

Phi Sigma Sigma and Greek Council sponsor philanthropic step show

By Kristen Anderson

Staff Writer

Many people falsely believe that Greeks do nothing but party and drink. The Greek community, however, is out to disprove that and make an example for others to follow.

They have set a goal to accomplish one philanthropic event a month in order to help out the local community and finally verify that they truly do more than just party.

On Monday, March 29, Phi Sigma Sigma, in conjunction with the Greek Council, sponsored a step show in the Student Center. According to Jillinda Briggs, who helped coordinate the program, proceeds from the event were donated to a local woman's shelter in honor of Women's History Month.

Numerous groups participated in last week's step show including: Groove Phi Groove, Swing Phi Swing, Iota Phi Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Lambda Theta Phi and Sigma Gamma Rho, as well as others.

The step show, however, almost did not happen. At the last minute, the show was cancelled for unknown reasons. After the decision was made to reinstall the show, some organizations were given 72 hours or less to prepare. Due to the short notice, many groups felt that the show was lacking and could have been better with more organization.

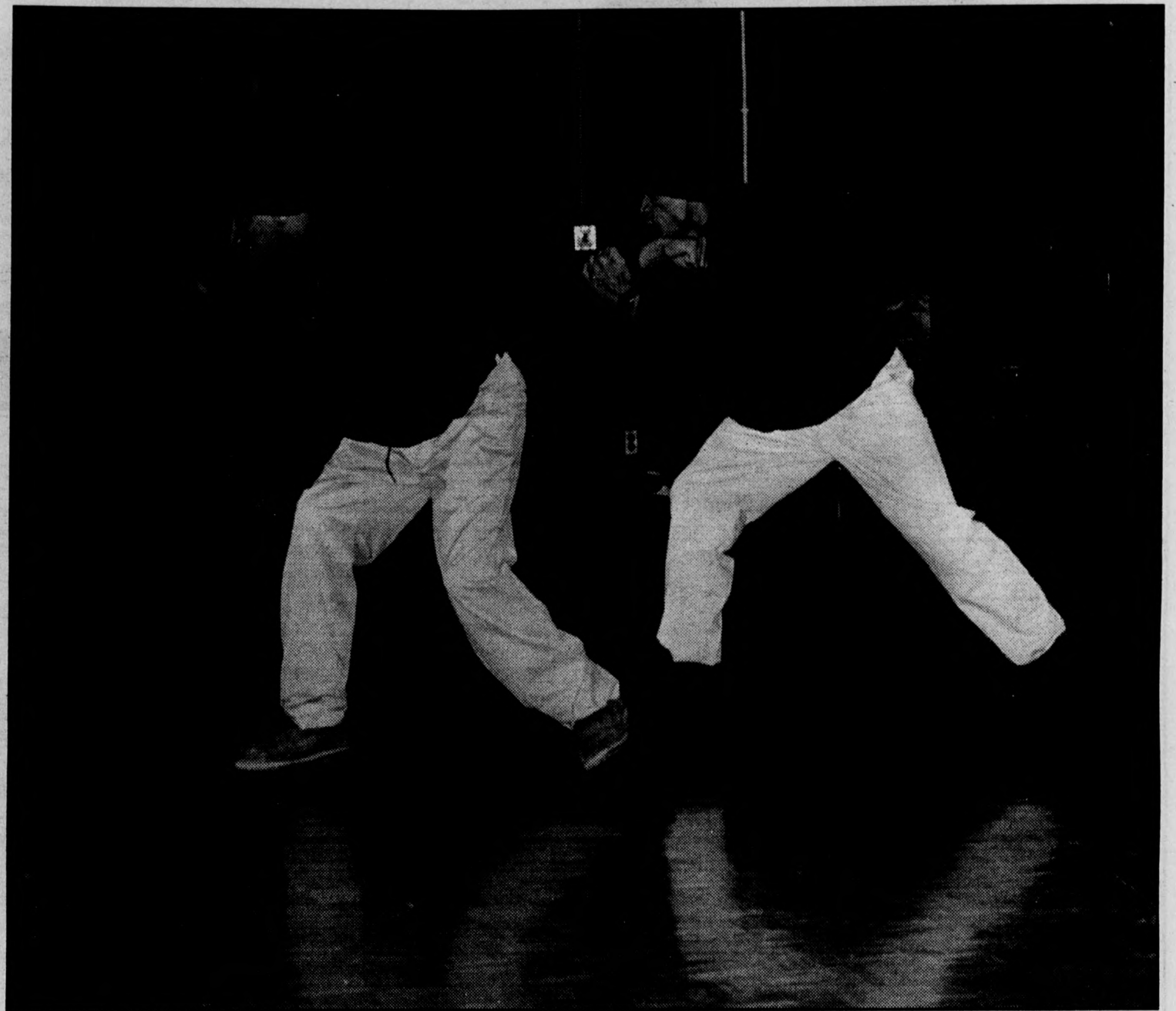
"Basically, the event would have been better if the organizations which participated were given notice more in advance," Wilel Fanfan, brother of Groove Phi Groove social fellowship incorporated.

"The event was not well advertised. Flyers went up at the last minute. I think there would have been a better outcome if the program was coordinated better," said a member of one of the participating organizations.

Others felt that the event was a success and are looking forward to upcoming philanthropies.

Jeannette Mammaro, a sister of Phi Sigma Sigma stated, "I am really glad our sorority sponsored the step show. I have never attended one before and I found it to be a very enjoyable experience."

Briggs explained that the purpose



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Lambda Theta Phi steps for charity at the March 29 Step Show in the Student Center which raised money for a local women's shelter.

of such charitable events is to unify the community of Greeks while pointing out to others the positive things they do.

The step show was certainly not the first philanthropy accomplished by the Greeks. Just last month, for example, a date auction was held. The money collected from it benefited Hale House, a facility specializing in the nurture and care of babies born addicted to drugs and alcohol, as well as babies born with the HIV virus.

There are also several things tentatively planned for the future. Throughout Greek week a Read-a-Thon will be conducted, the winner of which will receive 40 points towards winning overall Greek week. Additional proposed community service endeavors include either a softball game or handing out food to the homeless in Penn Station.

ART SWAP/SALE

Thursday, April 15, 1999

Calcia Room 229

3:00 - 6:00pm

All artists are invited to bring a selection of their work that they would like to trade or sell.

Here is a partial list of some of the artists that will participate:

Ryan Bradbury, Heather Campbell, Fiona Cocks, Buddy Colfer, Chris Corey, Fabio J. Fernandez, Laura Fox, Chris Gash, Karen Guancione, Lalena Kurtz, Ted Labrunda, Kertu Laur, Natalie Lutsky, Keely McCool, Seth Nagelberg, Sebastian Patane, Cristina Pineros, Jeannine Schroeder, Sara Stadtmiller, George Tarr, Jason Timochko, Colin Verner

ALL ARE WELCOME!

April MSU CAMPUS CALENDAR

- Free HIV Testing, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Health and Wellness Center, Blanton Hall
- Career Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. SC Ballrooms
- Enlightened Eating, 3:30-4:30 p.m. BL Hall
- Four Walls Meeting, 4 p.m. SC 121
- Free pizza and Q + A about Islam, sponsored by Muslim Students Association, 4-5:30 p.m. SC 418
- Conservation Club Meeting, 4:15 p.m. SC 104
- Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m. SC 412
- OSAU Gospel Choir, 7:30 p.m. SC Cafe C
- Medieval Society, 8 p.m. SC 3rd floor lounge

Thursday

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- Go visit another college and have fun!

Friday

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- Go to the mall and spend your weekly income!

Sat/Sun

10/11

- Psychology Club, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. DI 215
- International Students Organization, 12-1 p.m. SC 417
- Narcotics Anonymous, 3:30-4:30 p.m. BL Hall
- Muslim Students Organization, 4 p.m. SC 417
- NAACP meeting/ study hall, 7 p.m. SC Cafe C

Monday

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- Free HIV Testing, 12-5 p.m. Health and Wellness Center, Blanton Hall
- Holocaust survivor speaker, 12-1 p.m. SC 419
- LASO Meeting, 3:30 p.m. SC Cafe C
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Health and Wellness Center, Blanton Hall
- Psi Chi meeting, 4 p.m. DI 283A
- Players meeting, 6 p.m. SC 126
- OSAU meeting, 7:30 p.m. SC Cafe C
- CLUB meeting, 9 p.m. SC 112D

Tuesday

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- Baha'i Student Organization, 1-2 p.m. SC 415
- Indian Culture Club meeting, 2-3 p.m. SC 415
- Double Helix, Molecular/ Biology Club Meeting, 4 p.m. MA 258

Wednesday

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Joe**

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**Flat Earth Society
Ashcan • American Standard**

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Looking into technology

By Abigail Burford

Special to The Montclarion.

If you grew up in a large extended family, you know what an amazing feat it is to organize a successful family gathering. To bring different generations and distant cousins together for a special occasion takes planning and imagination. The same applies to campus events for disparate groups in a university community.

The Technology Expo presented by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, in collaboration with Information Technology, was just such a special occasion. On March 25 in Cohen Lounge, Dickson Hall, faculty members from many different disciplines, networking and computer services personnel, student assistants and other members of the MSU community participated in an afternoon of stimulating discussion of educational technologies.

As Dr. Rachel Fordyce, Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, put it, "what I liked best was the turnout: faculty, staff, and IT all working together." Dr. Jim Nash, Professor of English, also noted the heterogeneous nature of the happy crowd. "It was great that so many people cooperated to make it happen and that so many people not normally

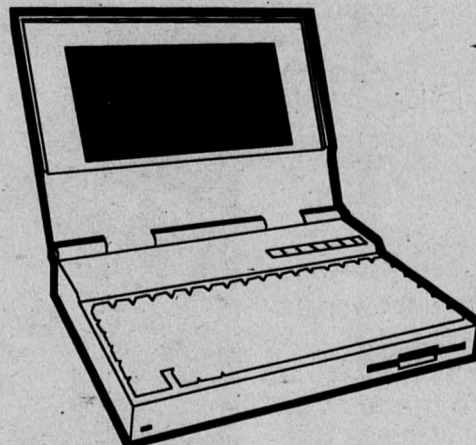
involved with technology attended."

One of the presenters at the Technology Expo was Mr. Eliot Graff, Instructor of English. He presented course materials he had designed with WebCT. "I was most impressed with my colleagues' eagerness to embrace the new technology coupled with a healthy dose of skepticism regarding that technology's efficacy in the classroom. I was constantly buffeted with comments like, 'Wow! That is amazing! But from a pedagogical perspective, will it help, or is it an MTV-style approach to making the classroom more exciting?' Rather than embracing the technology as a sine qua non improvement, our faculty is deliberating about the advantages: eager to experiment; wary to be ro-

manced."

Another presenter was Ms. Cindy Meneghin, MSU Web Manager. "I was very pleased with the input I received on the website. People told me what they want to see up there. I also discovered how popular audio streaming and video streaming are."

Dr. Susana Sotillo, Associate Professor of Linguistics, who gave a presentation on PowerPoint, also enjoyed learning about WebCT and RealNetworks. "We had a chance to see state-of-the-art software and hardware. Our colleagues in CHSS and IT were extremely helpful."



There she is...Mr. America?

By Carolyn Velchik and Lisa Gribbin

Feature Editor and Assistant Feature Editor

When thinking of beauty pageants, most recall Miss America strutting down the runway in a bathing suit or evening wear. But what if it was Mr. America? The sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon presented this event in the form of Deepeer Dude held on Monday, March 29 in the Student Center ballrooms.

For \$15, anyone could sponsor a male model to compete. The five that walked the runway were David Pizzi, sponsored by Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Haitham Omar, sponsored by Delta Phi Epsilon sorority, Patrick Tumillo, sponsored by Theta Kappa Chi sorority, James Day, sponsored by Sigma Delta Tau sorority, and Matt Mayernick, sponsored by Sigma Delta Phi sorority.

The men competed in five categories: talent, interview, MSU and Greek wear, formal wear and cheer off. Talents included poetry readings, saxophone playing, burping and even stripping! Matt Mayernick showed his creative side by rewriting the words and acting out the song "Everybody's free to wear sunscreen."

For the interview segment, the candidates were asked questions that included the qualities they look for in a girl and to describe their ultimate dream date. The hopeful males then walked the catwalk in both formal and MSU Greek attire. The final part

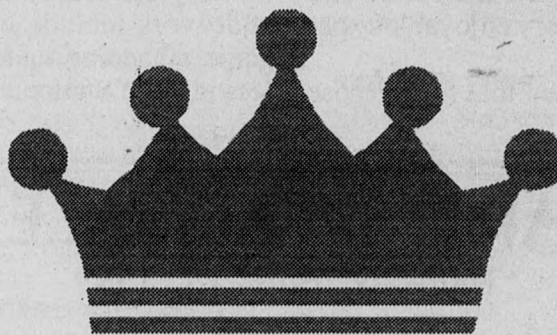
of the competition was a cheer off that measured which candidate received the loudest applause. John Griffin, Vice President of the SGA, Dean Harris, Dean of Students and Matthew Kane, Director of Blanton Hall, judged the crowd's reaction to the hopefuls.

The title of Deepeer Dude was awarded to David Pizzi, who received a 2 month membership to the Powerhouse Gym. Runner-up Haitham Omar was awarded a free pie from Pizza 46 and movie passes. Patrick Tumillo placed third and received tanning sessions.

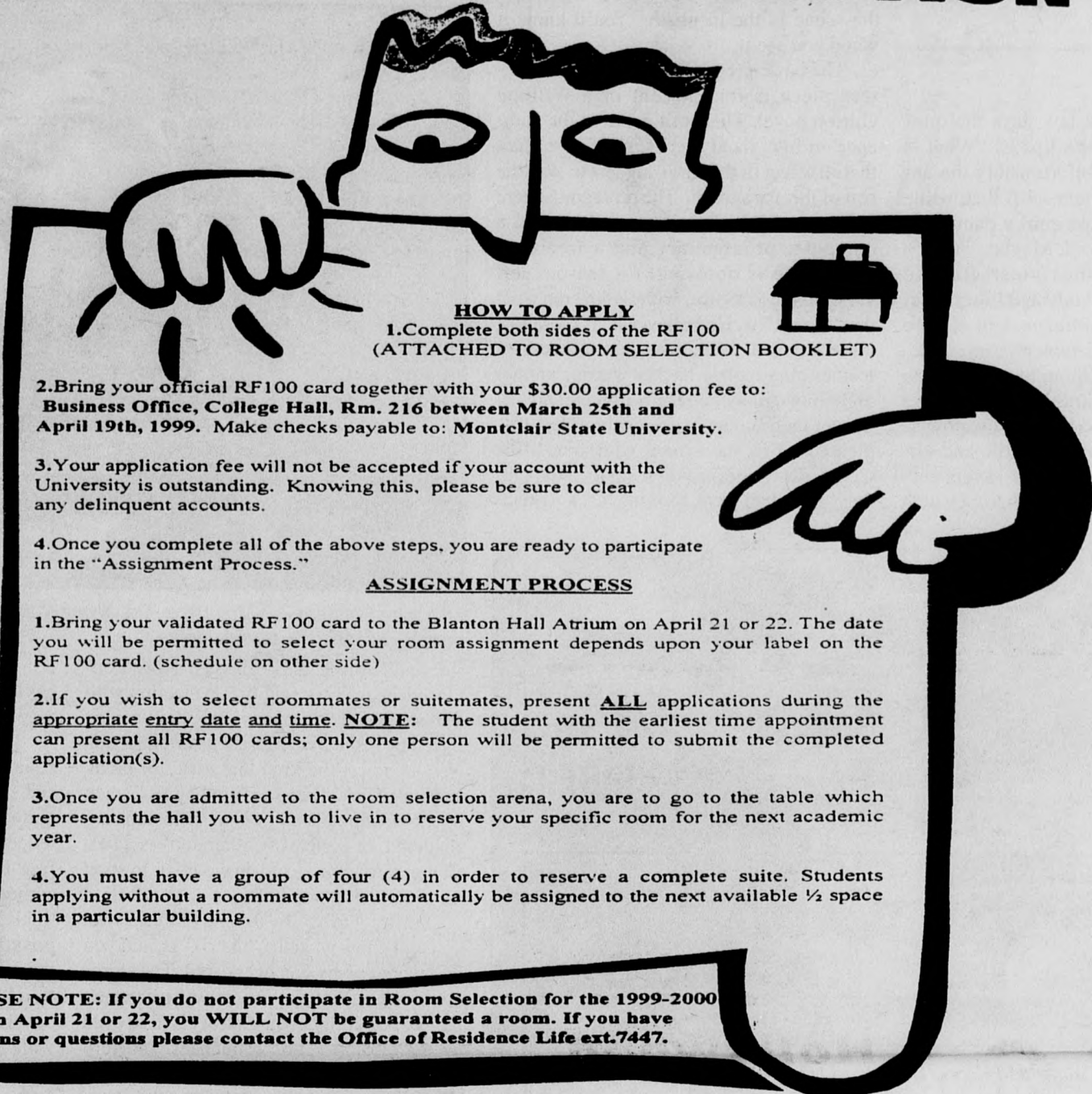
The main objective of the pageant was to raise money for cystic fibrosis, Delta Phi Epsilon's national philanthropy. The fund-raiser collected over \$300 that was donated to help in the fight against the disease. The fraternities and sororities of MSU participated in the event by

sponsoring one of their members. Greek members were charged \$15 to sponsor each selected participant. Each attendee of the pageant was charged \$3 at the door, and was given a ticket to be eligible to win door prizes that included gift certificates to restaurants, movie tickets and gym memberships. Additional tickets could also be purchased for \$1, or \$3 for an arm's length.

Deepeer Dude, has not been held in 3 years, but its resurrection proved to be a great success. Amy Countryman, the coordinator of the event, commented "It was a great turnout for not having Deepeer Dude for such a long time. I would like to thank everyone who participated."



FALL 1999 ROOM SELECTION



HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete both sides of the RF100 (ATTACHED TO ROOM SELECTION BOOKLET)
2. Bring your official RF100 card together with your \$30.00 application fee to: **Business Office, College Hall, Rm. 216 between March 25th and April 19th, 1999.** Make checks payable to: **Montclair State University.**
3. Your application fee will not be accepted if your account with the University is outstanding. Knowing this, please be sure to clear any delinquent accounts.
4. Once you complete all of the above steps, you are ready to participate in the "Assignment Process."

ASSIGNMENT PROCESS

1. Bring your validated RF100 card to the Blanton Hall Atrium on April 21 or 22. The date you will be permitted to select your room assignment depends upon your label on the RF100 card. (schedule on other side)
2. If you wish to select roommates or suitemates, present **ALL** applications during the appropriate entry date and time. **NOTE:** The student with the earliest time appointment can present all RF100 cards; only one person will be permitted to submit the completed application(s).
3. Once you are admitted to the room selection arena, you are to go to the table which represents the hall you wish to live in to reserve your specific room for the next academic year.
4. You must have a group of four (4) in order to reserve a complete suite. Students applying without a roommate will automatically be assigned to the next available ½ space in a particular building.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not participate in Room Selection for the 1999-2000 year on April 21 or 22, you **WILL NOT** be guaranteed a room. If you have concerns or questions please contact the Office of Residence Life ext. 7447.



Fall 1999 Room Selection Schedule
Blanton Atrium
April 21 & 22

The time you will be permitted to select your room assignment depends upon your class standing as of **February 1, 1999**. For example, if your **label** says Senior, you should arrive at the Blanton Atrium during the time designated for Seniors. Please arrive no more than (10) minutes before your time slot; however, you may arrive any time after your appointed time.

<u>CLASS STATUS AS OF 2/1/99</u>	<u>DATES & TIMES</u>
Grad/Senior (90+ credits)*	April 21, 1999 (9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)
Junior (58+ credits)	April 21, 1999 (10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
Sophomore (26+ credits)	April 21, 1999 (1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)
Freshman (less than 26 credits)	April 21, 1999 (3 p.m.-5 p.m.)
OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS	April 21, 1999 (7 p.m.-9 p.m.)

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The question is, what is the "Matrix"?

By Andrew Ruiz

Staff Writer

Seems in the last few days the question on everyone's lips is: "What is *The Matrix*?" Unfortunately the answer is a piece of formula sci-fi that, while predictable, may be just quirky enough to stand out from the crowd. Maybe.

The Matrix is the latest for the Wachowski brothers, Andy and Larry. Featuring Laurence Fishburne and Keanu Reeves, *The Matrix* is typical science fiction, with just enough thought put into it to give the illusion of intellectualism. The strongest aspects of the film are the powerhouse performances of Fishburne and virtual unknown Carrie-Anne Moss, along with a genuinely good bit of cinematography with

the scene in the incubator. You'll know it when you see it.

The basic premise of this action adventure piece is reminiscent of a William Gibson novel. The story is fed to the audience in bite sized pieces, so if you want the full effect of the film I suggest to skip the rest of this paragraph. The protagonist here is Thomas "Neo" Anderson (Reeves), a computer programmer and a freelance hacker. He is obsessed, for reasons left vague to the audience, with finding out what the "Matrix" is. He believes he is close to a universal truth when he is approached by a leather clad female hacker/warrior known as Trinity (Moss). She tells him that he's in danger then suddenly disappears. Neo, displeased at first, has a run in with some MIB, CIA, FBI, whatever you want to call them, they're the bad guys, wearing black Armani



Warner Bros. 1999

Laurence Fishburne as Morpheus, the leader of the resistance of *The Matrix*, gets his memory scanned by secret agents.

suits and toting dark glasses. Now convinced, he follows Trinity to a meeting with a man named Morpheus, excellently portrayed by Fishburne. Morpheus offers young Neo a choice, the kind that make or break an action flick. Then the film begins to pick up momentum, as all of Neo's illusions are shattered, or perhaps "obliterated" is a better word. Anyway, to go on would be to spoil the plot, so I'll stop here.

Suffice it to say, by the end of the movie, you will know what the "matrix" is, and you will wonder why you ever cared. The surrealistic view that the Wachowski brothers build so carefully in the first act is destroyed by the closing action sequences. Imagery that was impressive the first time it was shown is questionable on the second itera-

tion. By the end of the film, the audience has seen the same effects so many times that they seem tame, if not downright corny.

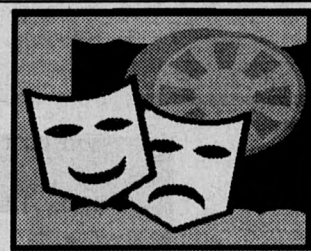
To sum up the film in one word, adequate. It is not a waste of time to go see it, and some of the early action sequences are quite enjoyable. However, it is not the intellectual piece that many are claiming. Feel free to beat anyone about the head who comes out of the theatre saying, "Makes you think." It doesn't. The writers dropped any possible intelligent statement midway through the movie. In fact, the only question I had in my mind as I descend the soda covered stairs was whether or not I would want to live in a world where Keanu Reeves is our savior. That makes you think.



Warner Bros. 1999

Carrie-Anne Moss as Trinity and Keanu Reeves as Neo, try to save the human race from, *The Matrix*.

Entertainment News Breaks

Compiled By Lynette Surie
Arts Editor

GARTH LEAVES PADRES: (REUTERS) After six weeks in spring training, **Garth Brooks** officially left the San Diego Padres organization last Thursday to devote more of his time to charity work. **Garth** left the team on a high-note with his first RBI (run-batted-in) against the Seattle Mariners. **Garth** has fond memories to take with him of his time in spring training, but he told the *San Diego Union Tribune* that the "single best thing that happened" to him while with the Padres was when a woman handed him a check for the Touch 'Em All Foundation and didn't ask for anything in return. **Garth** said, "All she did was hand it to me, and if I can find her I'll do whatever she wants to do." Over 70 major league players have signed up to participate in the Touch 'Em All Foundation. The foundation concentrates on bringing together professional athletes, music and entertainment industry professionals as well as corporate sponsors to reach children in need.

NAS CELEBRATES RELEASE OF THIRD ALBUM: (AOL ENTERTAINMENT) Platinum-plated rapper **Nas** (Nasier Jones) has stormed back onto the music scene with his third album, *Nas I Am*, which was in stores yesterday. The album, which features collaborations with **Scarface**, **Puffy**, **Aaliyah** and **DMX**, is one of the most eagerly anticipated sets in the hip-hop industry. The first single, "Nas Is Like," is the centerpiece of the album and is blowing up on radio airwaves. During a recent interview, **Nas** spoke about what *Nas I Am* signifies for him: "It means life to me. You know, it means, you know. It's like my graffiti in the history book to just say that I was here. 'Nas was here.' It's like saying I'm alive. A lot of people don't appreciate life and don't understand how beautiful life is, rich or poor. Life is good. And a lot of people don't respect life. So you know, I want people to realize that life is good. You live once, and you should make history here. That's what made me make the album like that."

ALANIS TO OPEN FOR DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: **Alanis Morissette** will be a featured guest on the **Dave Matthews Band** tour when it rolls into Denver on July 20. **Morissette**, who is currently on a world tour, will open for the **Dave Matthews Band** in Denver's Mile High Stadium. **Big Head Todd & The Monsters** will also open on that date. **Morissette** appears on the **Dave Matthews Band** album *Before These Crowded Streets*. She sings on "Don't Drink The Water" and "Spoon." **Matthews** tells us how he got **Morissette** to be on the album: "Initially she was just a haunting voice in the background of a couple of things and then we thought well ... It was a thought of mine... Actually it was Steve Harris, he's the engineer, he said, have sug-

gested it. He thought, 'Why not give her a verse?' She had to learn it very quickly, but I thought she actually sung it quite beautifully."

WOMAN FINED FOR WEARING MANSON T-SHIRT IN KENTUCKY: In a troubling legal decision this past Thursday, a Louisville, Kentucky judge ruled that a conviction against a twenty-one year old woman for wearing a "profane" **Marilyn Manson** T-shirt was justified. In May of 1998 Venus "Star" Morgan donned a T-shirt bearing the phrase "I am the god of f#ck" for which she was arrested and fined. This past Thursday, the court ruled to uphold the fine of \$250 plus court, despite legal defense by the ACLU. He plans another appeal on the basis of First Amendment rights to freedom of speech. Morgan told the Associate Press, "I think it means being your own god, being who you want to be, unlike this community who is trying to force God down your throat."

OZZFEST ANNOUNCES DATES: (REUTERS) This year's *OzzFest* tour has been subtitled "The Last Supper with Black Sabbath." As previously reported, the tour will begin May 27 in the Coral Sky Amphitheater in West Palm Beach and it will also include: **Rob Zombie**, **Slayer**, **Deftones**, **Primus**, **Godsmack**, **System Of A Down**, **Judas Priest**, **Drain STH**, **Static-X**, **Hed(pe)**, **Pushmonkey**, **Slipknot**, **Puya**, **Flashpoint** and **Apartment 26**.

BACKSTREET'S BACK ALL RIGHT: The **Backstreet Boys** will release their second U.S. album, *Millennium*, on May 18. It is the follow-up to their self-titled debut album, which just received the prestigious *Diamond Award* from the Recording Industry Association of America (R.I.A.A.), signifying sales of over ten million copies in the United States alone. To kick off the release of their new album, the **Backstreet Boys** will perform in an hour-long Disney Channel special titled, appropriately enough, "Backstreet Boys In Concert." The concert will be taped in New York City in front of 1,800 fans on May 11 at the New Amsterdam Theater. The Amsterdam is currently the home of the Broadway production of Disney's "The Lion King." The special will world premiere on July 10 at 7:00 p.m. EDT. The **Boys** will also release their first single from *Millennium* titled, "I Want It That Way" on April 12, and the band has just completed a video for the song, directed by Wayne Isham. The single is already the most requested song at New York City Top 40 radio outlets. An official track listing for the album has not yet been confirmed, but "I Want It That Way," "Perfect Fan" and "I Need You Tonight" are three of the tracks from the upcoming album. The **Backstreet Boys** plan on launching an extensive world tour this summer in support of *Millennium*.

Family fun at MSU

By Victoria Tengelics

Staff Writer

MSU presented the Cleveland Signstage Theater company in their production of "Peter Rabbit" on April 2. It was a lively children's show based upon Beatrix Potter's classic tale.

As MSU childrens' shows are usually interactive, children were able to make their own rabbit ears for Easter and other Easter related crafts before the production started. Although it got off to a rocky start with technical delays, those who chose to stay for the show were definitely entertained by this cute adaptation. This one, however, was a little different from the rest. Designed for the hearing impaired, the actors used sign language, as well as their voices, during the performance to say their lines. For some of the parts such as Peter Rabbit and his sisters, the vocals came from offstage as the

actors signed their lines. The use of sign language added a nice touch to the play, allowing children who couldn't hear the chance to see what was being said and better understand the story.

For those not familiar with the tale, it is the story of the mischievous Peter Rabbit who ignores the warnings of his mother and his sisters, Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail, and sneaks into old McGregor's garden. He gets lost in the garden after eating too many vegetables and gets chased by Mr. McGregor. He finally does get free of the garden and realizes that his mother was right after all. Upon his return his mother decides that he has been through a lot and forgoes punishing him.

The children loved this play, becoming very excited as Peter is being chased by Mr. McGregor. Even the adults found the show amusing. As usual, MSU hosted a delightful family program.

Musical theater joins students

By Vanessa Benafatto

Staff Writer

Where can one hear "Something conclusive, something repulsive," from the song Comedy Tonight?

Tonight and Friday evening in the McEachern Recital Hall at 8 p.m., are Broadway Night, featuring various songs from Broadway musicals performed by students of the music and theater departments.

The two-act show includes songs from the musicals "Les Miserables," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "Chess," "Phantom of the Opera," "Civil War," "Cabaret," and more.

The purpose of the show is to "bridge the gap between the music and theater department, and incorporate awareness and acceptance of musical theater in art and academic pursuits," said cast member, Alex Kubic.

According to Pete Bush, "Musical theater has become like a dirty word," in Montclair's theater and music department.

The goal of Bush's project is to make MSU add Musical Theater as a major. Bush originally came up with the idea when Professor Jeanette Hile, told him of the Broadway Nights performed at Seton Hall. Bush wanted to make students and

faculty members aware of the interest and enthusiasm many students exhibit for acting and music combined.

Bush, who had his own theater company in Tom's River, is not only directing the show but also starring in it. He has invested a lot of time, money, and effort into this project but to him it is worth it.

"I think each department could use a little help from each other," said Bush.

According to theater minor and cast member, Beth Waysek, having the two departments work together would open up more doors for the theater and music majors, and make both parties lives easier.

"The art behind musical theater is the incorporation of vocal talent with persuasive acting ... It is about doing the whole thing, not just one thing, well.

Indeed, the idea of musical theater as a major would particularly help singers and actors because they could develop more than one talent.

In a college that is closely connected to the city where Broadway is located, many do find it strange that musical theater is not an option in those departments. Perhaps, Broadway Night will not merely open eyes and ears, but hearts as well, for that is what music and theater are about: heart and commitment.

Hip - Hop Top 10

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2. Nas - *Nas I Am*
3. Masterminds - *Bring It Back*
4. Raekwon & Am. Cream Team - *Giant Size*
5. Black Moon - *Two Turntables & A Mic*
6. Demastas - *Feel No Guilt f. Nine*
7. The Last Emperor - *Secret Wars Part 1*
8. Aphillyation - *Dry Tears*
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Tues, April 13

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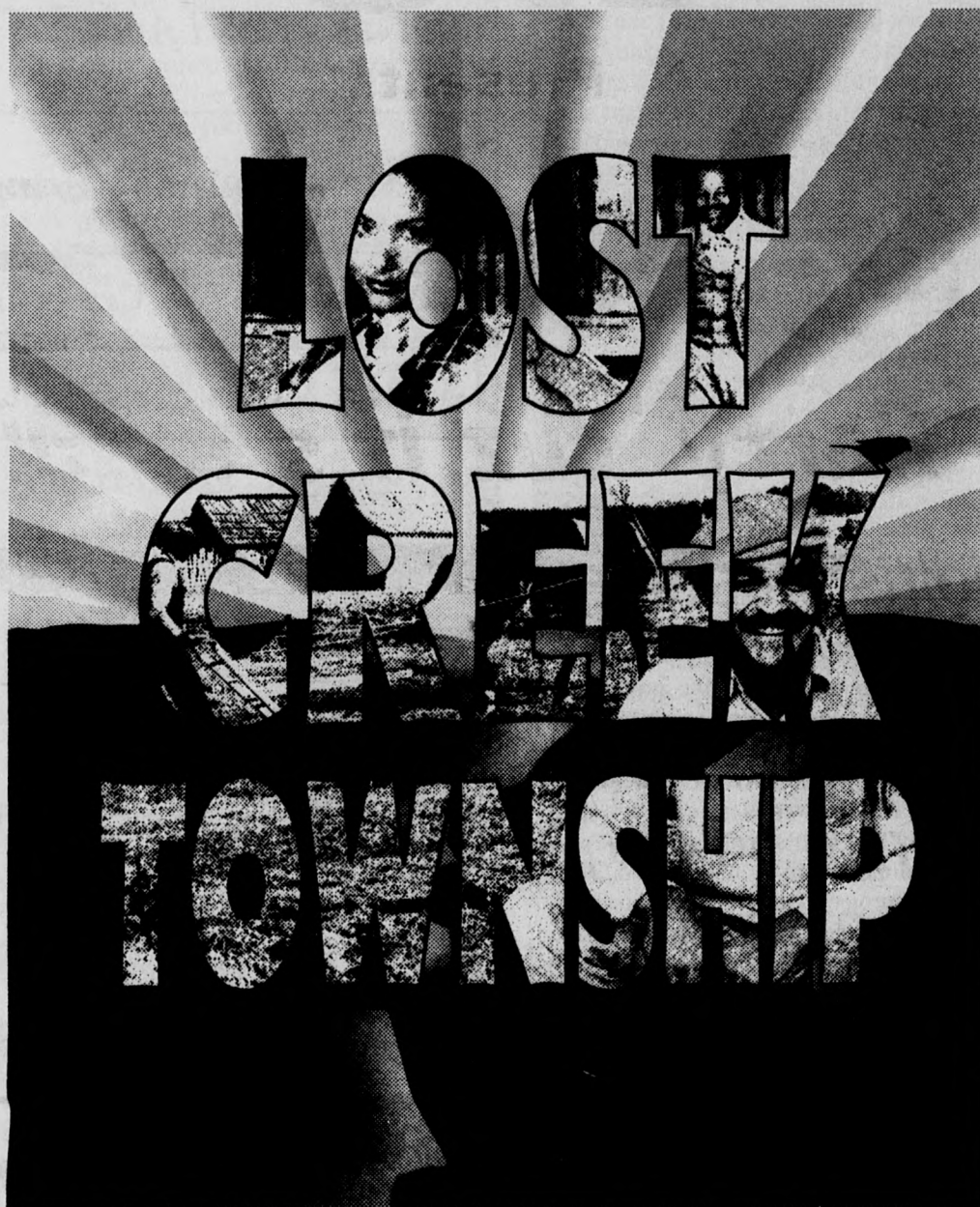


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The Voice of Montclair State



How do you feel about the five percent tuition increase proposed for Fiscal Year 2000?

I think that, if they raise it five percent in 2000, they'll raise it again and again until we all do something.

Jordan Yanco, Marketing

Although I have a tuition and fees waiver and I am not directly affected by the hike, I am still concerned for other students who are not as fortunate. If, however, there is one thing that can lessen the pain caused by the proposed hike, it's the fact that MSU is still the best educational value in New Jersey.

Joan Kanner, Psychology/Spanish

This happens every year. Education should be the primary focus of the state. It should be the primary focus of society ... it's the future.

Sabaudin Skenderi, Political Science

I feel that they always just rush into an increase. It doesn't seem like they really go over the options ... at least, they don't tell us about the options. They do all of this in Trenton without ever going to MSU or looking at students who need to struggle to pay tuition.

Rob Blauvelt, Political Science/French

Although I'm against the increase, it seems that the school is forced to do this because of cutbacks from the state. The problem lies with Whitman and the legislature in Trenton.

Besim Bruncaj, Geography

I believe that the administration should fund-raise or get corporate sponsors to get the money to avoid raising tuition.

Dragon Tubonjic, Political Science/Speech

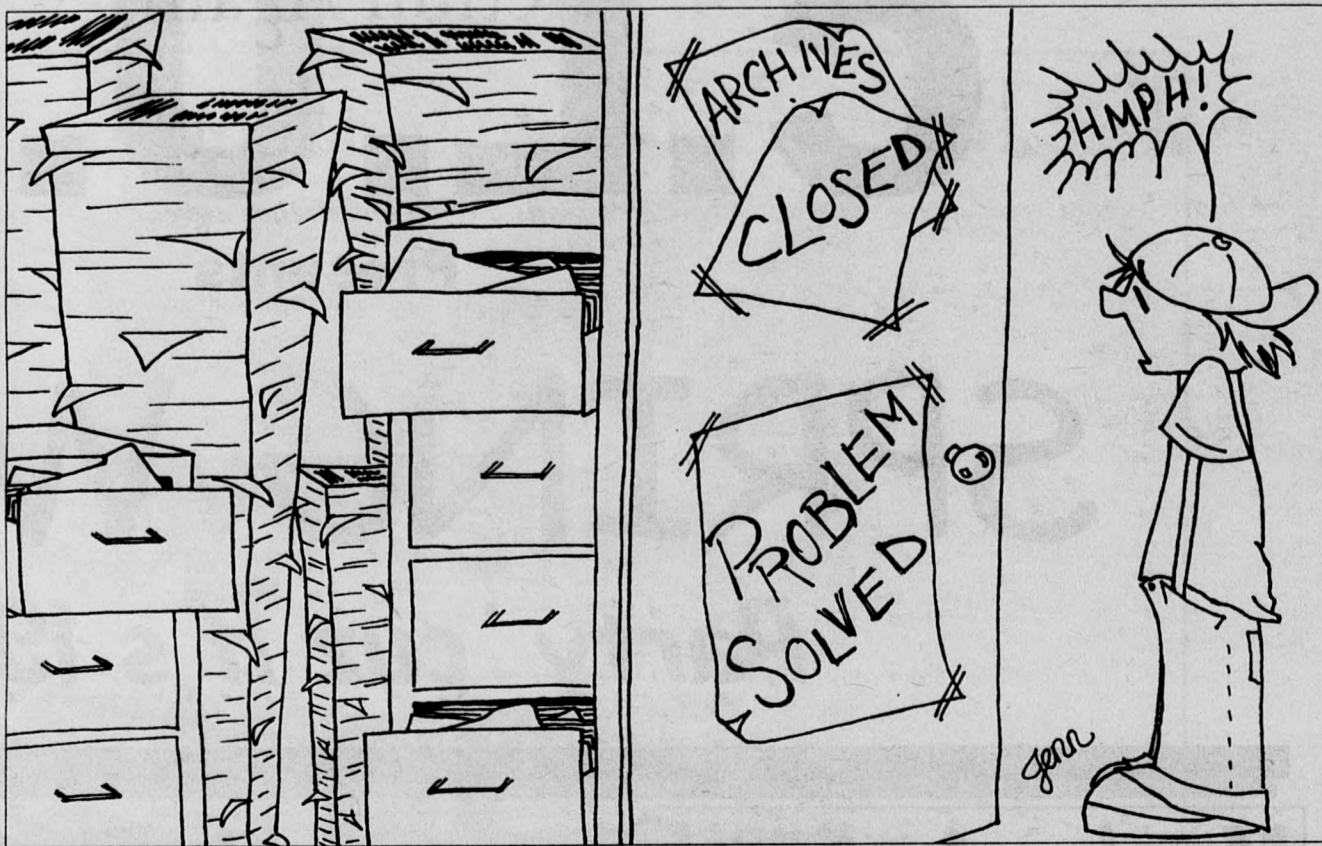
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MAIN EDITORIAL



University History & Heritage Declared Off-Limits to Students

In the November 25, 1998 edition of *The Montclarion*, Justin Vellucci published a column entitled "History & Heritage: Saving the Sprague Library Archives Room." In it, he addressed the slow deterioration of the library's university archives, how students needed to become aware of this institution's past to ensure a healthy academic future, and how the administration needed to hire an archivist to ensure that the archives were preserved. Some four months later, MSU has responded to Vellucci's column - the Archives have been closed.

The head of Sprague Library's Reference and Information Department, Patricia Sanders, said that the column "gave us a wake-up call. There's valuable archival material and something has to be preserved." The key to preservation, it seems, is to lock the doors to this institution's history and call it a day.

Though officials in Sprague Library have said that the problem with students viewing the archives was in that they could remain in the room un-monitored, those that have attempted to access the archives in the last months have not been granted entrance, monitored or otherwise. While, on the surface, the move to close the Archives Room is an attempt to ensure that the materials therein are no longer damaged, misplaced, or lost, underneath, this is just another example of administrators closing their eyes and hoping that problems will just go away.

Something as essential as the Archives Room should not only be accessible to all students, faculty, and staff, its existence should be well-publicized. Accompanying Vellucci's column were photographs of old archive materials - black and white photos, student assignments, maps, administrative documents, course books and the like - falling to pieces. The history of MSU is essential to its growth. How can we continue to expand and build upon our academic and physical infrastructure without looking to the blueprints of the institution's foundations?

The solution to the problem is simple: Make an honest effort to preserve the archives and the Archives Room and keep student's informed about the preservation process and the history which we are striving to save. If we simply lock the doors to the Archives Room and hope that students upset by its deterioration and poor maintenance simply graduate or disappear, we are merely locking the doors to MSU's past - and that is exactly what the column that triggered this issue opposed so strongly.

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VIEWPOINT

Taking Action Against Injustice: The Role of College Students In Affecting Change

"A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds... With consistency a great soul has simply nothing to do." Ralph Waldo Emerson

The quote above is taken from poet and essayist Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay, "Self Reliance." It emphasized the value and necessity of men's independence and, in turn, the dangers of comfort.

During the Transcendental Era, in the eighteenth century, many artists, like Emerson, criticized society, but did not suggest that people stir up trouble simply for the sake of it. They did, however, urge people to violate their own ignorant comfort and stand up for just causes, regardless of public opinion. These urgings do not only apply to the 1700's, but also to present day college students and middle-aged adults.

College students face many important issues, such as racism, sexism, and corrupt politics, and many sit back and shake their heads about the problems. While grades are indisputably the most important reason students attend col-



Christine ZIELINSKI
Columnist

lege, various passions awaken as students expose themselves to more worldly issues.

One important issue that infests practically every college campus is sweatshop labor. On March 18, however, The Detroit Free Press reported that 25 University of Michigan students held a sit-in in the president's office against child labor practices, with a photograph of a staff member walking around the protesting students.

The students' organization, Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Equality, demanded a living wage for the factory workers who produce their college apparel. Because U of M's contract with the Atlanta-based Collegiate Licensing company ends in June, the students and

administrators negotiated the contract so that the company must disclose the location of the clothing vendors.

"For nonconformity the world whips you with its displeasure. When to their feminine rage the indignation of the people is added, when the ignorant and the poor are aroused, when the unintelligent brute force that lies at the bottom of society is made to growl and mow," Emerson said.

These U of M students, like most people, probably go shopping and fail to read the tags or inquire upon the conditions of the clothing factories. It is perfectly natural that, in the United States, consumers are content to live in ignorance. People have certain issues that concern them and perhaps sweatshop labor is not one of yours. The U of M students, as well as students from other schools, like Duke University, stepped out of the comfort zone and initiated solution to a problem about which many human rights activists have just talked.

Another local example of a student's fight to end injustice to students as well as faculty, was *Following the Money Trail*, recently published in *The Montclarion*. Justin Vellucci recognized the detrimental actions of the state government to an adequate education. By hiring more adjuncts, named the "sweatshop workers of academia," and less full time professors, students

suffer the consequences. While colleges all over the country suffer the same money-saving problems, a student managed to research and inform the entire campus of the details of the situation. Like the students at U of M, this student sacrificed comfort, time, and effort, and endured frustration and criticism for an entire school year to pursue a worthwhile cause.

Even though many argue that activism should not be the focus of college students, students are in the midst of education, a time where our knowledge is fresh, and our ideas new. College students are justice advocates for the next generation, and we have the power to change world situations. Child labor and governmental discrepancies are only a few issues that concern college students. Whatever the issue, it is important for college students to initiate effective change.

"It is important for college students to initiate effective change."

The End of One Student's Years at MSU

It is a difficult truth that everything in life must come to an end, and as I write these words, an aspect of my life plays out its end.

This is my final column for *The Montclarion*. In coming to terms with this reality and the fact that, as a part of the class of '99, a world filled with technological, scientific and social challenges is before us. From the new frontier of medicine, computer technology, artificial intelligence and other areas, it incites the will to be prepared.

As I reflect on the past three years here at MSU, the experience of having excellent professors, good friends, and a chance to grow has renewed and strengthened my commitment to be progressive in every aspect of my life. But I think for each of us we can never cease to grow, and that is why I want to reaffirm what has become sort of a theme for me: the idea of critical engagement.

I think that we, the students, have grown to see the impact it can have as change. When we "talk with" one another as opposed to "talk at" one another, a lot can be achieved. I think Justin Vellucci's impressive work, *Following the Money Trail*, demonstrates the kind of critical engagement and assessment that needs to continue,



Troy WILLS
Columnist

so that students can not only get the best education, but understand the means by which they are educated.

The need to also bridge lines and foster awareness of differences is also a critical part of each individual's development, and I think MSU as a community has done much to foster such an environment, but the process of renewing thoughts and attitudes has to continue.

It would allow each individual the ability to learn useful ideas from the past and new ideas designed to meet the new problems we will confront.

Last but not least, I am appalled that there is to be an expected 5 percent hike in tuition for the fall. I think that's tragic and needs to be seriously addressed by the students whom it will affect.

On that note, I part, though not in mind and spirit. To the good professors and friends, I say thanks for the inspirations and memories. I know they will be useful in the times to come. I want to say a special thank you to the late Dr. Kenneth Aman.

MSU, I salute you, and with that I bid you farewell.

Awaking from Complacency and Addressing the Crisis in Kosovo

Right now, there is a man some where outside the United States who is looking around his hovel of a home as he starves out of existence. He dies, having eaten nothing for weeks.

In the U.S., the poorest person has at least some recourse to government agencies and shelters or soup kitchens before his life shrinks away with his stomach. Most people in this country will never feel hunger much beyond the half an hour they must wait for lunch or dinner.

We have it good in this country, and that is a good thing. We should not be ashamed of it.

Yet our position has bred a great deal of complacency in us. We hear about atrocities that happen around the world everyday and shrug them off, searching for the snack that will stop our hunger, letting the people in power-power given to them by us-dictate what action is taken on matters, and letting people in the media dictate to us what our opinion on these matters should be through pictures and sound-bites.

The situation in Kosovo is a case in point.

We, the masses of this country, say nothing, and our government drops bombs. We let the media tell us about it, and have our opinions guided by what we are told, with newspapers using words such as "thug" to



Jim DAVISON
Columnist

characterize and demonize our alleged enemies.

Perhaps it is right to drop bombs, but what, really, have they accomplished? More people dead due to bombing, and the killings perpetuated by Milosovic stepped up in pace. What is accomplished is the opposite of what the government's stated goals were.

This is somewhat predictable. We have seen it played out in scenarios like Vietnam, and most recently in Iraq. After we become involved offensively, those who we are fighting against are strengthened in their resolve. It was further predictable even without considering other cases by a bit of common sense.

In the words of one Edward Said, "No nation, no matter how badly attacked from the air is going to rally to the attackers."

Yet still we dropped bombs, knowing that this statement contains at least a little truth.

On a different side, the bombs we drop cost a lot of money. Millions of dollars each. This is money that could go towards improving conditions in our country, towards education, towards homes for the homeless, towards food for the hungry.

This is not to say that I take a quietist position on this matter, that I think the U.S. should attend to its own affairs only. Quite the opposite, I feel it necessary that everyone stand up for what they think is right, or else possibly live in a world that is hostile to them and their ideas. At some select times, it may be necessary to aggressively fight for what you believe to be right. For example, the Holocaust.

Yet it seems to me that the instance of Kosovo may not be one of these select instances, that we may have turned too fast to violent methods of defense.

Our government talked of peace with Milosovic, but with the recourse to violence as his alternative to complying with our demands. As a result, we are pursuing a peace through war, and in the attempt to save five lives, have lost ten.

If neither the U.S. or Milosovic does not back down, the only peace we will have will come because there is no one left to fight.

I myself don't know what the answer to these problems is. They are complicated, undoubtedly beyond my complete understanding, encompassing much more than a general column such as this can hope to address.

All that I can really say is that the killing in Serbia has been going on for years, but a month ago, Milosovic was being praised in the media as our best chance for peace in that region, and now we are bombing him.

We must call into question our proposed motives for bombing. To do this, we must educate ourselves on this matter beyond what we see in the news everyday and beyond whatever point of view you may read here.

Learning why the United States thinks we should be involved in Kosovo is not enough. Learning why we should not be involved in Kosovo

is not enough. We must hear these two sides, and all others also, so that we can make a decision that not is based on a single way of looking at the world.

Overall, we must be more than complacent by-standers, accepting what is spoon fed to us. This includes everything you are right now reading.

Go out, research this and everything else that involves your world. Despite our complacency, we are effected by it directly now and in the future. It is a matter of deciding what type of world you want to live in, and working towards it.

"[In Kosovo], we may have turned too fast to violent methods of defense."

MONTCLARION MAILBAG



Looking to the real victims in Kosovo

This is in response to Kara Richardson's 4/1 article which explored the Kosovo crisis through the eyes of a Serbian national. Although Richardson's article is objective in its portrayal of a certain human element in this political crisis, her lack of knowledge about the conflict allows her to unintentionally commit an injustice, as she likens aggressors to victims and fails to discuss the plight of the main victims of the conflict.

Richardson neglects to present the actualities of the conflict as she fails to demonstrate the abject misery Serbian aggression has brought to bear upon the more than 425,000 Albanian refugees who have been forcibly uprooted and driven from their homes by Serbian brutality.

How can one portray the hardships of the aggressive battle in a conflict while completely ignoring those of the truly victimized party is beyond comprehension?

Assuming that Richardson's failure to discuss the pain and suffering of the victims in this conflict stems from ignorance, I would like to start from where she left off by briefly analyzing the victimization and genocide of Kosovo's Albanians.

In order to understand the current quagmire in Kosovo, one must familiarize oneself with the potential of fascism and its exclusivist tendencies. I will say that fascism as practiced by the Serbians is the same fascism advocated by the Nazis as they hauled 'inferiors' to their death in the 1940's.

The recent attacks on Serbia are not aimed at innocent Serbians as depicted in the article, rather they are an attempt to minimize the Serbian government's insatiable lust for innocent Albanian blood.

The Kosovo Albanians, who happened to be the main victims in this conflict, initiated this crisis because of their unwillingness to have their rights continually trampled

upon. Anyone harboring doubts regarding Serbian bloodlust is asked to observe the wasteland Serbian butchery created in Bosnia where close to 85,000 innocent Muslims were murdered in cold blood for their apparent refusal to accept a sub-human status of servility in their own country.

In light of the history of the region and the trying circumstances facing the Kosovo Albanians, one can begin to appreciate their stubborn insistence on attaining independence. As the history of their neighbors in

Bosnia proves, the Albanians of Kosovo can either pursue freedom or continue to be killed en masse.

Despite outright massacres, the Albanians have held to their aspiration, acquiring indepen-

dence.

Just as Patrick Henry declared, "Give me liberty or give me death," the Kosovo Albanians are turning to the world, shouting "Freedom or death!"

Such a demand cannot continue to be ignored much longer.

Although unintentional, Richardson has followed a course analogous to that of the Serbians in that both have denied the existence of the ethnic Albanians. While the denial of the former is harmless and undertaken with the pen, the denial of the later is dangerous and undertaken with the result of death.

Richardson gives her readers the impression that the Albanians do not exist, and, in doing so, exposes any attacks against Serbia as unjust.

Although the suffering of innocent Serbians should be recognized, it should be done without the compromising the existence and rights of the Albanians who are truly the party in need of sympathy.

Ribhi Huzien, Biology

"The Kosovo Albanians are turning to the world, shouting, 'Freedom or death!'"

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Who is hurt by NATO bombings?

I am writing in reference to the article written last week about Melinko Beric and his family in Novi Sad. I have one question. What about the 500,000 displaced Kosovar people and the thousands who have lost their lives? Why was that not the headline in your newspaper last week? I, as well as others, was shocked to see that *The Montclarion* was showing sympathy to the aggressors and not the victims.

The Serbians are getting a bit of what the Kosovar people are going through everyday with the bombings from NATO.

The refugees are forced to live in inhumane conditions. No bathrooms, no medical attention, and worst of all, no food.

A little over a year ago, the Serbian Army killed close to 100 people, a small village in Kosovo. The Kosovo Liberation Army, better known as the KLA, was then formed. Its members consisted of the people who had lost everything due to the unexpected attack by the Serbians. It was not enough killing and forcing the people out of their homes. The cowardly Serbians burned down homes so that the Kosovarians had nothing else to turn to.

This is not the first place this has happened. These tactics were also used against Slovenia, Croatia, and Bosnia.

In Pristina, the Serbian army forcefully enters homes and holds people at gunpoint, telling them to leave, face death, or sometimes be burned alive in their homes.

I have a first hand view of these atrocities because I have many relatives in Kosovo. My four aunts, two uncles, and their families are in Pristina and Prizren.

About one week ago, the Serbian army found their way into two of my

aunt's homes. They said, "Leave now or risk being killed." My aunts tried to offer them money that we had sent her in order for them not to hurt her family. The Serbians saw that it was American money and replied that "It's not enough that they [the US and NATO] are bombing us, you are even carrying their money!"

Another aunt's son was held at gunpoint and told to leave immediately. They quickly left and arrived in Macedonia. The other aunt that was forced to leave, we have not heard from for about a week.

Melinko said that he was worried about his family in Novi Sad. That city is far away from the fighting. Melinko's family has the comfort of knowing armed strangers will not uproot them from their home. My family has absolutely no way of reaching them. Whenever the phone rings in my house, everyone runs and says they're okay. This is happening in countless other homes. If this is not ethnic cleansing, what is?

The main aggressor is the president of Serbia, Slobodan Milosevic.

He conveniently drove out the Western press and now controls what his people see in Belgrade. That is why the Serbian population is against the bombings. They don't know any better.

They only see what Milosevic allows the press to run. He is brainwashing his own people, and that is what *The Montclarion* tried to do last week. Instead of interviewing the center of the basketball team, which was the easy thing to do, *The Montclarion* should have dug deeper and found the true cause to the Kosovo problem.

The Serbians were not the victims here, but, instead, the vicious murderers.

Senada Pjetrovic, No major given

Response to *Following the Money Trail: Getting involved is essential*

Dear Mr. Vellucci:

Congratulations on your excellent coverage of "A Silent Crisis in the Making" (from *Following the Money Trail*). I was especially impressed with your "opinion page" remarks: "If the Board of Trustees really wanted to foster a positive educational environment, they would lobby, instead, for better teacher salaries."

As your colleague, Mr. Davison, aptly put it, our beloved Governor, the Ayn Rand of New Jersey, as well as the State Legislature, spent \$21,524.06 on each of its 28,096 inmates in Fiscal Year 1998, but only an average of \$5,761.33 on students enrolled in state institutions of higher learning.

If you really want to find out what is going on with our state legislature, I urge you to visit their web site and look at the reactionary and anti-worker bills that conservative Republican legislators sponsor. Lobbying is the key to get-

ting anything done in New Jersey. It seems that our elected officials prefer to spend millions of dollars building prisons so that they can lock up primarily Latino and black citizens.

That's called "fiscal conservatism" and "innovative spending." In a way, we all share in this crisis of democracy. Since ours is a representative and not a participatory democracy, we should be out there lobbying and working hard to change this corrupt system. But many of us avoid getting involved in politics and only manage to react when our jobs are in jeopardy.

I have learned a lot by getting involved in local politics. It's amazing how principles are cast aside by liars, cheats, and traitors who manage to get elected because they have a wealthy sponsor. But there is one thing all these rascals still need: our vote. You can see this at work at the local level. Local committeewomen and men are crucial in get-

ting politicians elected!

We all need to be politically active if we want to change the current situation.

At times, I am deeply saddened to learn that most of my students will not be going on for a Ph.D. Many cite the abysmally low salaries in academia and others resent the petty politics and need to publish on demand. But we need to encourage those who do want to go on because they are our future. We need to provide financial incentives and show that there is job security for our future scholars.

I have faith in young people with solid principles who do care about others and for whom the pursuit of knowledge is an end in itself.

Thank you, once again, for an excellent job!

Susana M. Sotillo,
Professor - Linguistics Department

The importance of public service in publishing the MSU payroll

Dear Mr. Vellucci:

A belated congratulations for your special issue listing all of the MSU salaries. It's a significant public service to bring budgetary figures into the light of day, so students — and everybody — can begin to see where their tax and tuition money is spent.

I know it was hard for you to obtain this information.

I can't remember the last time that *The Montclarion* did this, if ever!

Good for you!

Grover C. Furr, Professor - English Department





THE 1999 SGA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

And The Montclarion endorses...

President



**John
Griffin**

John Griffin will bring to the position of president a wealth of experience with the SGA, as a representative of the student body, a legislator, President Pro Tempore, and Vice President. His goals are clearly-stated and feasible: extended hours at Sprague Library, the opening of an on-campus video store or one-screen movie theater, a blue light system ensuring stronger campus safety, a wealth of on-campus events and stronger publicity to inform students as to what's going on at MSU. He has the experience to know how to get things done within student government and a genuine interest in improving the quality of campus life for MSU students, ensuring that his plans and decisions will be developed, informed, and enforced as a result of student concerns.

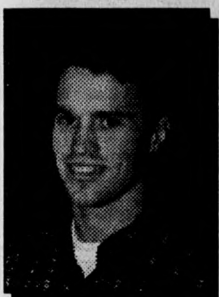
Vice-President



**Mike
Kazimir**

As a legislator for the last three years, Mike Kazimir has learned how to get things done within the SGA. As part of the Griffin/Kazimir/Rourk/Casterlow ticket, he plans to focus his energies if elected on improving the quality of life in MSU residence halls, working to better campus Food Services, and acknowledging the accomplishments of MSU students outside of the boundaries of campus. He supports the proposal for extended hours at Sprague Library and the installation of the campus bluelight system. He has also served as Vice President of Pi Kappa Alpha, and hopes to establish stronger lines of communication between the SGA and Greek organizations.

Secretary



**William
Guardino**

The one thing that spoke loudest for Guardino's dedication to serving students through the SGA was the fact that, whether he is elected or not, he promises to stay active within student government. The SGA's current President Pro Tempore, Guardino has served as a legislator and chairperson on several committees. Guardino's key focus seems to be on informing students about the operations and procedures of the SGA and activities on campus through stronger publicity and increased attempts to cater to student needs. Guardino has been the author of many bills within the SGA this year, as well as assisting in several campus projects (such as the recent parking survey), and will be hard-working, dedicated addition to the E-board if elected.

Treasurer



**Latasha
Casterlow**

When David Pizzi resigned from the SGA E-board position of Secretary, Latasha Casterlow was there to step up to the challenge. A strong-willed, determined and well-spoken individual, Casterlow summarized what she feels makes a dedicated SGA representative in one word: FACTS (Flexibility, Accountability, Credibility, Tenacity, Stability). Casterlow, who is running on the same ticket as Griffin, Kazimir, and Rourk, supports the idea of extended hours at Sprague Library (described by Casterlow as an attempt to keep commuters, constituting the majority of the student population, on campus), the initiation of the bluelight safety system, and the fostering of a stronger line of communication between the Student Government and all Class I, II, III, and IV organizations.

BOT Alternate



**Ned T.
Gross Jr.**

The position of BOT Alternate is a sensitive one - one with rules and parameters differing slightly from the rest of the SGA E-board. Gross has a wealth of ideas on how to work within the infrastructure of MSU's Board of Trustees while keeping student interests at the top of his, and the board's, agenda. He supports the establishment of an office for the BOT student representative in the Student Center Annex, an e-mail address where students can directly send their questions and concerns, and a monthly column in *The Montclarion*, titled "The BOT Corner," where students will always be kept up to date on happenings at board meetings. Gross is a highly informed and vocal individual, exactly the type of person that students at this university would want to represent them on a highly-important, decision-making entity such as the board of trustees.



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Saturday, April 10

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Monday, April 12

Student Center • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Blanton Hall • 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13

Dickson Hall • 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14

Student Center • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

HUMOUR SECTION

Disguising Our Disguise

OR

How To Become A Man

By Vanessa Benfatto

She's not REALLY a man. She plays one on TV

I fiddled idly with the sleeves of my Armani suit as the limousine drove Sherry and me to our destination: Deceptions. That was the name of the club where we, ironically enough, were to attempt a major deception of trying to appear as males when we were so obviously not. Sherry was practically a triple D in bra size; otherwise if size F existed she was there. Her boobs seemed to come out of her ears. It isn't like I stood there and watched her "friends", as she called them, but every word she said was emphasized by her chest. Lesbian or not-it was hard not to notice. However, she was tall, which, in this case, would do her good. We were eventually able to disguise her boobs by tying them down and flattening them. The only problem was she could hardly breathe. Right now, she was breathing in little gasps, which under different circumstances may have tickled me into laughter.

We had tried on various outfits to fit our roles as men - Sherry's parents had dough - so I was wearing a 'fly' Armani and she was sporting a rather dashing Versace suit. I had always wanted to wear expensive clothing, but for a woman. I mean, this was not exactly the solution I had desired for my present circumstances, present circumstances being that I was well...single. I could only bite my lip and wonder as to the final resolution of this farce.

I had tried to talk Sherry out of it. I told her we just could not pull it off because there were certain delicate unmentionables we did not possess-thankfully! -and these vital parts were, well, vital. Therefore we couldn't possibly, but she just cut me off and said something that I blush to recall.

I also tried to tell her that I was too short to be a man and that the best I could pass for was a male midget. But she waved off my feeble protests and said that she would

pad the inside of my shoes and what I lacked for in height I could make up for in arrogance. I gritted my teeth. What could I do for revenge? Not that I believed in that anymore, but when she was sleeping...

The whole discussion of what I was to wear and me trying to convince her how pathetic we would be as males took place only after she had relentlessly badgered me. (Following me into my bedroom and the bathroom, screaming guilt trips that would put my Italian grandmother to shame. Nagging me, pestering me, drilling me she put every determined lawman to shame. She stole my hairbrush and she put shampoo on my toothbrush.) Then she tried to bribe me with dates. (Like I'm stupid enough to go on a blind date that would probably "blind" me for life and leave permanent scars.) She tried everything including blackmail until she finally forced me into it. Sherry was lethal when she got an idea into her head.

When taking it seriously, I had considered shaving my chest-ouch! -or at least attaching fake chest hair to my body. I also considered gaining more weight like Nick Nolte - we all know how serious he takes his roles - and everything up to taking hormone shots. Facial hair was very risky to grow. Of course, I knew many who shaved their mustaches but still and all...

The conclusion of my disguise was a fake goatee. I bound certain parts of my anatomy, which in my case weren't too difficult, darkened my skin and roughened my hands with sand. I also padded my self to look more muscular. I just hoped no one would find out the truth.

"Sherry," I begged again to her as she lay back on the plush seats panting for air, glad for once that I wasn't so developed, "what if they arrest us for our fake ids, or we get beaten up for being female, or worse?"

Sherry laughed. "All in all, it sounds like a very promising evening doesn't it? Never a dull moment, I promise you that!"

If my parents could see me now....

SPRINGtime

By John Frusciant

I didn't get a "Harumph" from that guy!

It is springtime, when a young man's fancy turns to love, and his ice cream turns to milk.

I, a young aspiring poet, gaze from a Greenwich Village fire escape overlooking Café Figaro, historically a haunt for the likes of Jack Kerouac and Bob Dylan. I enjoy my time on this fire escape, for the apartment is not mine and I'm convinced the real occupant will return any minute to throw me onto the street below.

Now, walking toward Washington Square Park, I think of all the brilliant writers and other artists who have traveled the same paths as I have. In my whimsy, I cross MacDougal Street and get hit by a car.

The force of the impact sends me flying through the air and lands me at a chess table, where I pass out. When I come to, I find my king has been captured in seven moves.

I examine myself for broken bones, but I soon realize that I cannot feel my body. Everything felt so numb, except for the palms of my hands. I start to panic. Was this it? A simple stroll through the Village would cost me my nerve endings?

It occurs to me that I am in fact touching the person next to me. I turn my hands to my own body (much to the dismay of the person next to me) and find that I do in fact have feeling. I am, however, quite sore (well you didn't think I was going to let myself just walk away from a car accident completely unharmed? That's just preposterous. Honestly. You'd think after all this time there'd be a certain level of trust be-

tween writer and reader. Why don't you just run along? I'll catch up with you in the classifieds).

So I limp past the park towards New York University, a center of high education which has produced some of the greatest minds ever to be

(The remainder of this paragraph has been omitted by the administration of Montclair State University, who remind you that MSU is a center of knowledge, centered on you.)

And that was the last time I ever asked an off-Broadway actor for the time of day.

Sensing it was time to return home, I make my way through the sunny New York City streets to the PATH station. On the way home a man tries to hijack the PATH train, but gives it up when he realizes there are only about a dozen places he can take it to.

As I walk up the stairs onto the Hoboken sidewalk, I cast a gaze toward Manhattan, and recall to myself the afternoon I'd just spent, as well as all the other wonderful days and nights I've spent in New York City. In my whimsy I cross River Street and get hit by a car.

I awake to find I owe the Texas-Arizona bar and grill money for seven rounds of drinks, and that I've just made a roomful of new friends.

I've taken a job as a waiter to pay off my extensive tab. One of my fellow waiters is a guy who works as an actor in an off-Broadway show. You can bet I won't be asking him for the time.

Editor's Note: They make ice cream for dogs. It's poultry-flavored. What will they think of next?

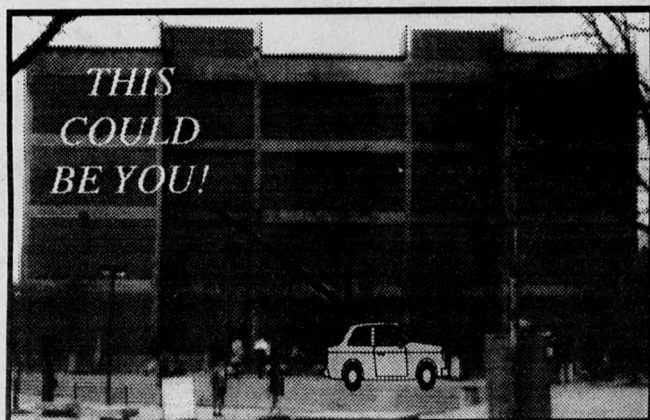
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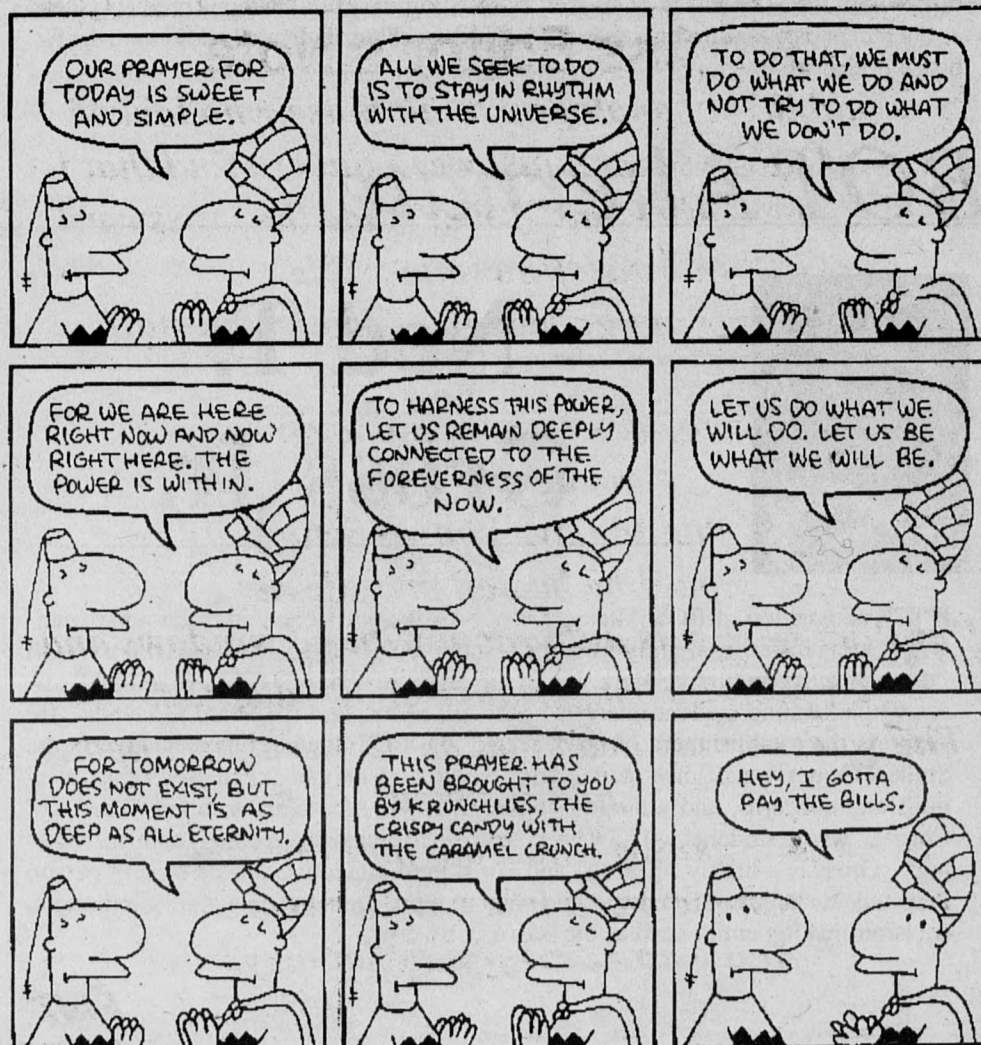
Can't find a spot in the morning?

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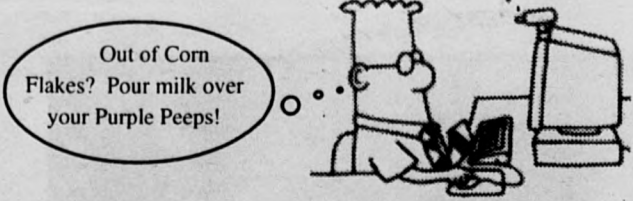
We're sick of writing tickets. For one month only, students will be allowed to park wherever they want. You couldn't park illegally if you tried!

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SEE IF WE CARE.**



Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Descendants of Shem
 - Home of the Mets
 - Word of regret
 - Explodes suddenly
 - Containing gold
 - Invasion of the Body Snatchers
 - Trot or canter
 - Souvenir
 - Mushy talk
 - Pupil of 15
 - Growing out
 - Father of Medicine
 - Father of History
 - Have a snack
 - City on the Oka
 - Chat: colloq.
 - Hindu god
 - CIA's fore-runner
 - Animals from guns?
 - Narrow groove
 - Wife of Ramachandra
 - Deluded
 - Garment inserts
 - Take out
 - Biblical name
 - Soviet plane
 - Double
- DOWN**
- Native Indian soldier
 - Ready to eat
 - Roman
 - Known for his odes
 - Wings
 - Deep mud
 - Timber tree
 - Branching, treelike mark
 - Allures
 - Refinery by-products
 - Facing glacier direction
 - Contaminate
 - Precise
 - Coming on stage
 - High note
 - Wall Street animal
 - Semester or quarter
 - Roman philosopher and statesman
 - Child-ish word?
 - Highland dances
 - Extremely amusing person: colloq.
 - Actress Sue
 - Langdon
 - Ending for play or pent
 - Balance sheet entries
 - Smokeless explosive
 - ...as wild — fly to the wilderness (Mencius)
 - In a short
- ACROSS**
- Break out in a rash
 - Will-o'-the- —
 - Large beer glass
 - Marks in bowling
 - Of an hour
 - Fix the split infinitives
 - Declares positively
 - Past
 - Plasterer's foundation
 - Was under the weather
 - Cubic meters
 - Comes before in time
 - Wine, as a prefix
 - Greek philosopher
 - Normal position
 - Wimbledon winner
 - Tax, in Ireland
 - Peter and Ivan
 - Caked deposit: slang
 - Roman poet
 - Variegated
 - Club (singing group)
 - Smucose, lactose and fructose
 - Polynesian demon
 - President of Mexico
- DOWN**
- Actress Adele
 - Spring blossom
 - Greek dramatist
 - Prepare for action
 - Spanish drawing room
 - Greek stoic philosopher
 - Legal wrong
 - "For Your — Only" (movie)
 - King Kong or Godzilla
 - Openwork structure
 - City in Afghanistan
 - Quote
 - School jacks
 - Babylonian hero
 - It bugs crossword puzzle solvers?
 - Italian noble house
 - Manipulate fraudulently
 - Ike's Secretary of State
 - Law-making body
 - Hillside dug-out
 - Signals for actors
 - "The Red"
 - Descartes
 - Shopper's memory aid
- ACROSS**
- War god
 - "In a Sentimental —"
 - Daytime TV fare
 - by Woods on a Snowy Evening
 - Brooklyn plant?
 - Irreligious ones
 - Spoore case clusters
 - "Yankee Doodle —"
 - Takes food
 - Inclination
 - Sleepy one
 - Tenant
 - Hawaiian wreaths
 - God of the east wind
 - Plowed field
 - River of Paris
 - TV's — 66"
 - Positive pole
 - Force back
 - Utilizes
 - "God delights — odd number" (Virgil)
 - Anagram of toss
 - Sahib's cousin
 - Author Wiesel
 - Kind of profit



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OUR ANNUAL ISO 9000 AUDIT IS NEXT WEEK.

WE CAN PASS THE AUDIT IF WE PUT ALL OF OUR NON-CONFORMING DOCUMENTS IN THE TRUNKS OF OUR CARS.

DOESN'T THAT DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF A VOLUNTARY AUDIT? AND THEN TORCH THE CARS.

ASOK, I'VE CHOSEN YOU TO PUT OUR BUDGET FORECAST TOGETHER.

IT'S A HARD JOB, BUT YOU'LL GET THE SATISFACTION OF MAKING EVERYONE HATE YOUR TINY GUTS.

MY GUTS ARE NOT TINY.

THE BUDGET CYCLE AND I'LL NEED A HELICOPTER, DOUBLE ROTOR.

IF YOU HAVE ANY RESPECT FOR ME OR THE BUDGET PROCESS, YOU WILL NOT ASK FOR SUCH OBVIOUS BUDGET PADDING.

AND I'LL NEED THAT CHOPPER FILLED WITH ALBINO TIGER CUBS.

DO YOU HAVE THE BUDGET CALCULATED YET, ASOK?

I NEED TO DOUBLE-CHECK THE NUMBERS.

GIVE ME A COPY NOW. I'LL MENTALLY ADJUST FOR THE POSSIBILITY THE NUMBERS ARE WRONG.

AM I MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE?

THIS SIX IS PROBABLY AN UPSIDE-DOWN NINE.

IT'S A FUNNY THING ABOUT BUDGETS...

NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY, THERE'S ALWAYS A SPREADSHEET ERROR THAT MAKES IT ALL AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY.

DO YOU MIND IF I HUM?

I DOWNSIZED THE "EASE OF USE" LAB BECAUSE THERE'S NO BUDGET FOR A STAFF.

THEY HAVE A BUDGET. I PUT IT ON THE BACK OF THESE TWO-SIDED PHOTOCOPIES!

WELL, THEY LIVED BY THE SWORD, AND THEY DIED BY THE SWORD.

Big Ass Editor's Note

I would like to apologize to all those who looked forward to my section last week only to find that I had, as an April Fools' Joke, made the crossword and wordfind impossible.

I was just trying to be a good editor and stuff.

But it was wrong of me to do so.

I am deeply sorry.

I should have known better.

I should be beaten mercilessly.

I'm shut up in this little room with no windows and an average temperature of 300 degrees.

The voices in my head told me it would be a hoot, and I listened.

I don't know who I am half the time.

I have pasta in my underwear.

And who keeps frying baloney?

FINZ

Answers

ACROSS: 1. SHEM, 2. METS, 3. REGRET, 4. BOOM, 5. GOLD, 6. SNATCHERS, 7. CANTER, 8. SOUVENIR, 9. MUSHY, 10. PUPIL, 11. GROWING, 12. FATHER, 13. FATHER, 14. SNACK, 15. OKA, 16. CHAT, 17. HINDU, 18. CIA, 19. ANIMALS, 20. GROOVE, 21. WIFE, 22. DELUDED, 23. GARMENT, 24. TAKE, 25. BIBLICAL, 26. SOVIET, 27. DOUBLE.

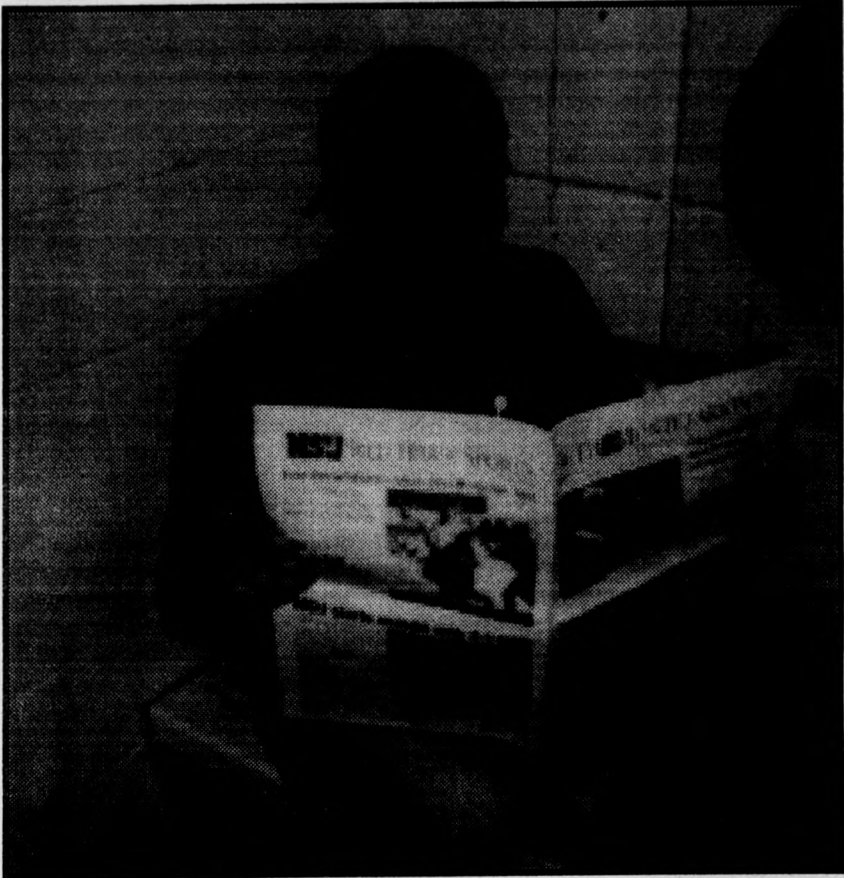
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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): The weekend presents Aries with a challenge. How many people can you hook up with while bombed out of your mind? The answer is zero, but it's more if you have no dignity.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20): A visit to a maximum security prison is just what the doctor ordered! You mend your evil ways. And you let loose the American Cancers you were planning to sell on the black market.

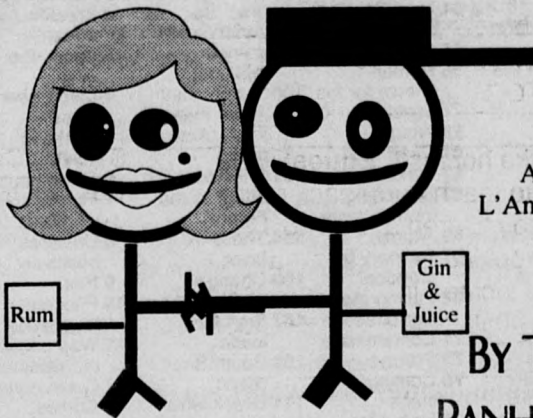
GEMINI (May 21 to Jun. 21): A rough week places Gemini under stress. Break out your ABBA cd's to relieve it. **YOU ARE THE DANCING QUEEN!** Your friends take a picture and laugh at you, but they can always be beaten.

CANCER (Jun. 22 to Jul. 22): Cancer has lots of excitement because last week soaked. You find buried in your desk drawer an explosives permit for 200 pounds of TNT. You blow up Mallory and Finley. Maintenance ignores it completely.

LEO (Jul. 23 to Aug. 22): Leo gets all gossiped up this weekend. You look picture perfect in your finest of clothes. Then you get so drunk you ruin them. You may be going to hell in a bucket, but at least you're enjoying the ride.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sep. 22): Virgo has a retro-70's thing going this week. You spend 18 dollars in a thrift store and walk out with a blue corduroy leisure suit and platforms. Go to a club and do the Reron dance until you are thrown out forcibly.

LIBRA (Sep. 23 to Oct. 22): Your mom isn't around and you have so much fun! You don't look both ways before crossing. You make a face and it doesn't stay like that. You play with your food. And you jump on the bed. Take that mom! I'll show you!



SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): That wasn't vodka. It was liquid hair growth potion. You don't get hair on your head, but you grow a killer beard. You look like the guys from ZZ Top. Rock on!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): You have remarkable gas mileage for a sport utility vehicle of your class. But you tip over at every corner, killing passengers and pedestrians alike. Your mother is VERY disappointed in you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Richard Simmons shows up at your door uninvited. He barges in and hypnotizes you. You WILL sweat to the oldies! You WILL shake your booty, girls! You WILL not kick his scrawny ass!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): All the classes you registered for got cancelled. Take new ones. You sign up for "History of ESPN", "Naming the Presidents since Truman", "Physics for Poets", and "It's 8am, Let's All Just Stay The Hell In Bed."

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20): Beerpong, your loyal friend, needs a well-deserved rest. This weekend, you play a new drinking game - Beerskeet. Grab a shotgun, a case of Boddington's Pub Ale, and some plates from the kitchen. GO NUTZ!

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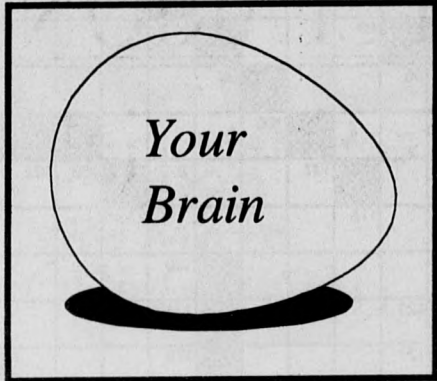
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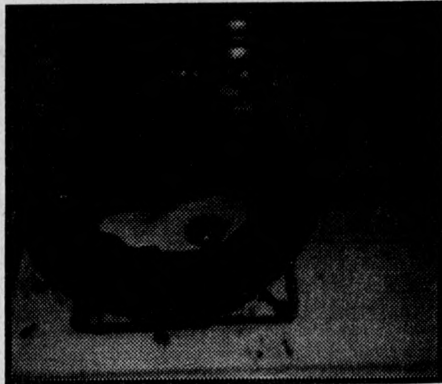
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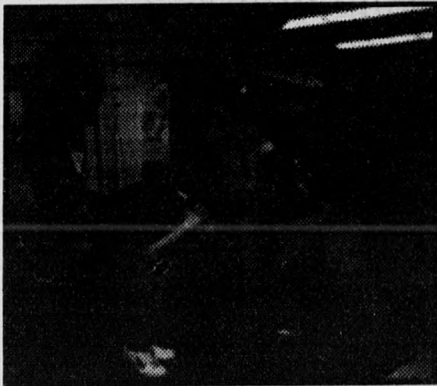


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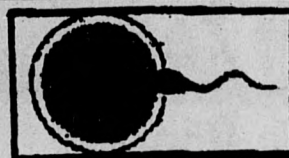
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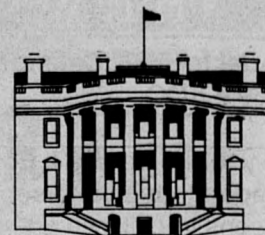
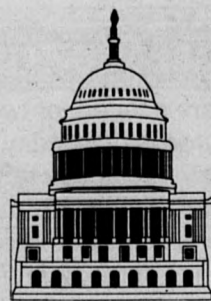
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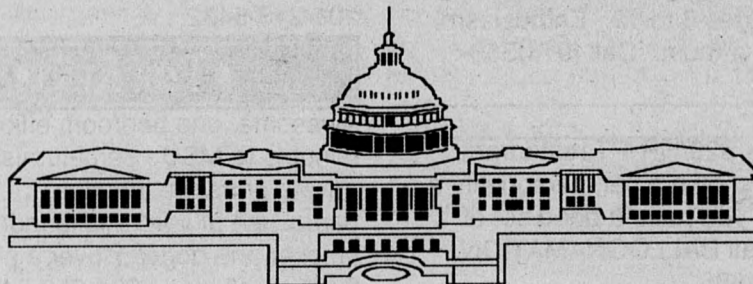
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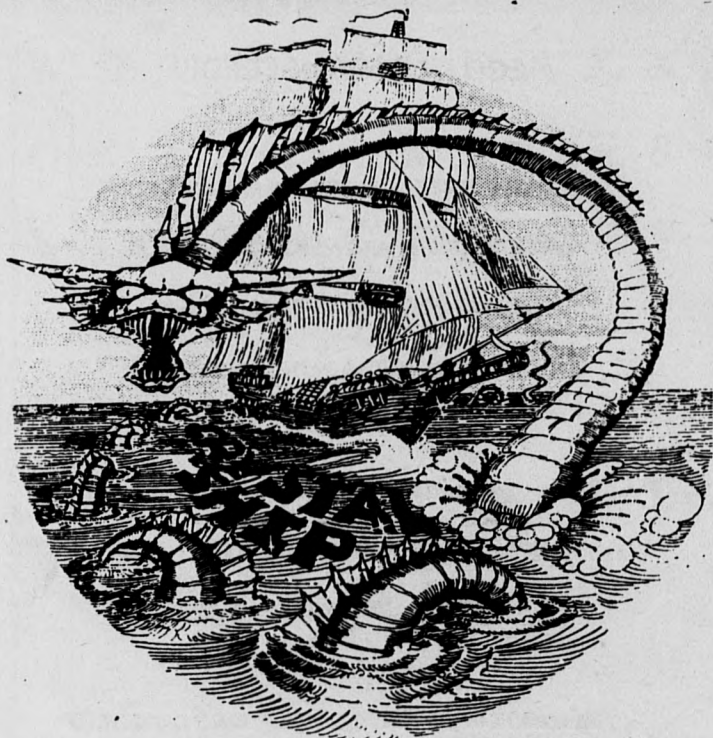
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Intramural Basketball

Team Name	Record
ONN	13-0
Feel Deeze	12-1
The Swarm	10-3
Fast Break	8-3-1
Team Undecided	8-5
Syntschaholics	7-5-1
Pirate Eyes	7-5
Theta Xi Underdawgs	6-7
Blanton Bearcats	6-7
OTD#	4-8
Social Drinkers#	4-9
Underdogs	2-10
Pi Kappa Alpha*	0-12
Delta Chi*	0-12

*Teams ejected from the league for too many forfeits
#Teams disqualified from the playoffs for a forfeit during the regular season

By Ed Flannery
Staff Writer

As the Intramural Basketball season comes to a close, most of the playoff match-ups have been decided. Playoff action starts this Sunday, April 10. Games in the single-elimination will go from Sunday until the championship game on Wednesday at 8:15 p.m.

One of the two games remaining to be played Thursday night have major playoff implications. If the Pirate Eyes (7-5) defeat the Underdogs (2-10), they will secure the number six spot in the playoffs and a first round bid.

If the Underdogs manage the upset, the Eyes take the seven seed and play the Underdogs again Sunday night in the first round, and the Syntschaholics (7-5-1) will take on the number three team, The Swarm (10-3). The winner of the game against the Underdogs will be faced with the ominous challenge of Feel Deeze (12-1), whose sole loss came on a disqualification.

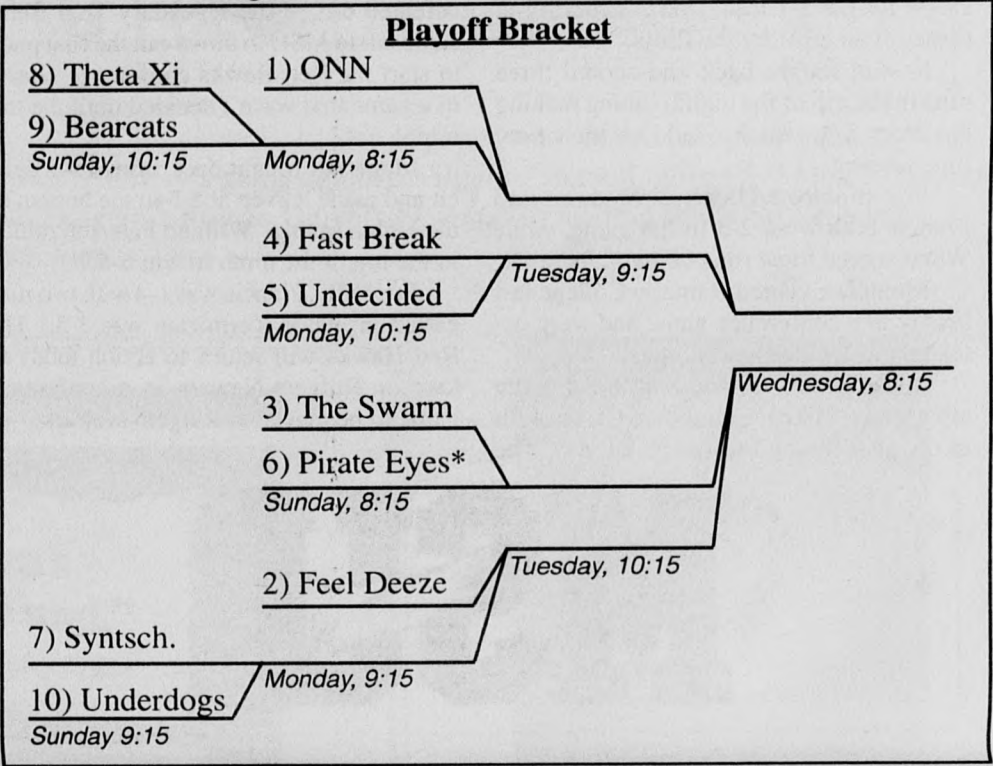
Elsewhere, the undefeated Regular Season Champions, ONN (13-0), will await the winner of a Sunday night match-up between the Theta Xi Underdawgs (6-7) and the Blanton Bearcats (6-7). Although both teams have the same record, Theta Xi took the higher seed by beating the Bearcats 44-21 earlier in the regular season.

In another tight pairing, number four Fast Break (8-3-1) faces number five Team Undecided (8-5). Fast Break won the regular season game against the Riddlers, but this is the playoffs, and anything can happen.

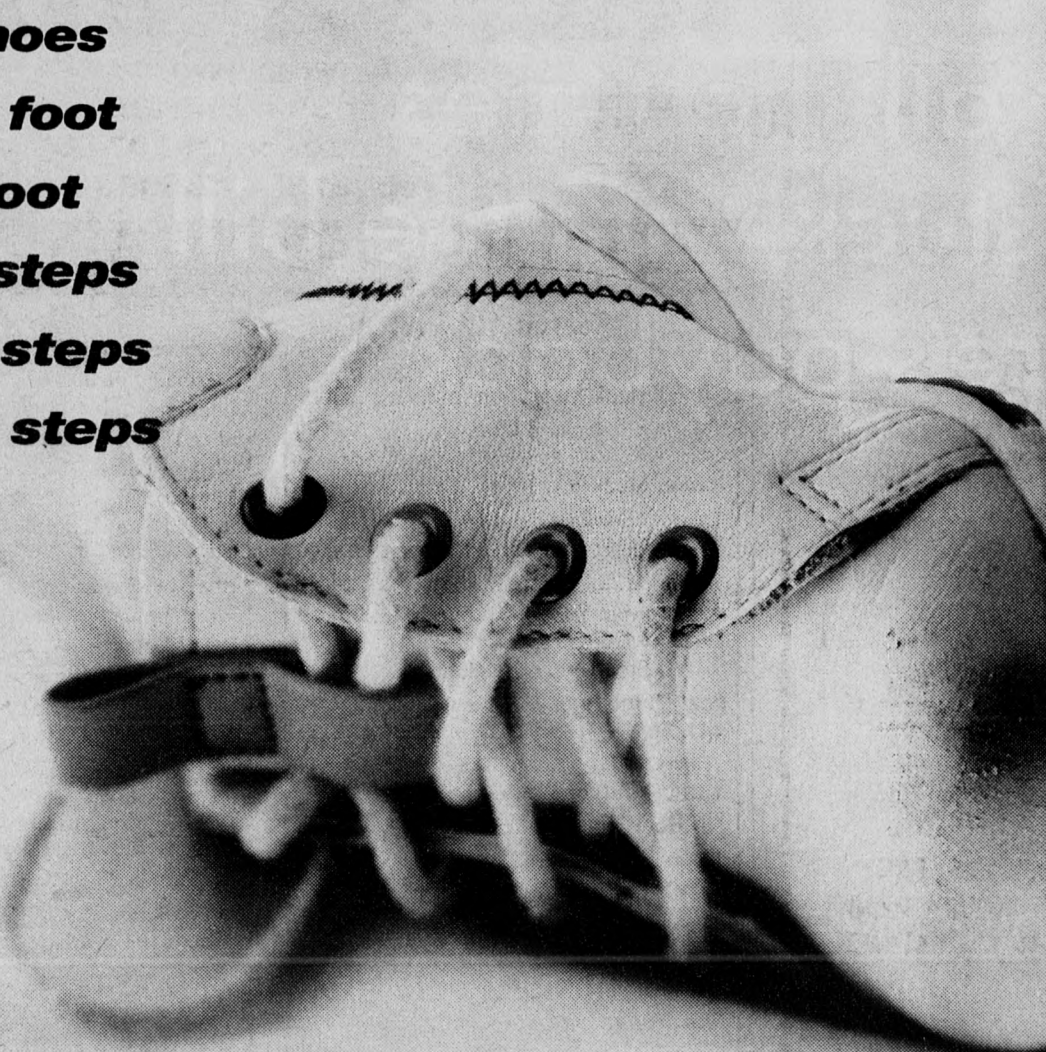
Last Week's Results
Thursday, April 1
Bearcats 58, Undecided 51
Soc Drinkers 54, Syntschaholics 44
Sunday, April 4
PirateEyes 61, Syntschaholics 38
Fast Break 68, Soc. Drinkers 45
Monday, April 5
No Games Sceduled
Tuesday, April 6
Feel Deeze 75, Theta Xi 31
ONN 67, Underdogs 47

Wednesday, April 7
Feel Deeze 68, Soc. Drinkers 38
Undecided 47, Theta Xi 34
A Look Ahead
Thursday, April 8
Pirate Eyes vs Underdogs, 8:15
Fast Break vs OTD, 9:15
End of Regular Season

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Baby steps
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Baseball

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smashed his first homerun of the year. This scored two runs, and the third was scored on a bloop RBI single by Mark Migliori.

The Red Hawks managed to touch homebase four times in the sixth inning making the score 11-5, but failed to narrow the lead further. Wydner went 3-4 with and RBI, sophomore Dave Wurst finished with two RBI's, while sophomore Scott Allan and senior Alex Bosch both had two hits.

Montclair defeated Rowan in the second game 6-4 after breaking a 1-1 tie to take the lead in the bottom of the fifth with four hits in a row that scored two runs, making the score 3-1. Second baseman Craig Conway hit an RBI single making the lead 2-1, which was followed by Francia's RBI single for the 3-1 lead. MSU's fourth run came off an error by the Profs.

Rowan fought back and scored three runs in the top of the eighth inning making the score 5-4, which would be their final time scoring.

For the Red Hawks, Wydner and Francia both went 2-5 in the game, while Wurst scored three runs on two hits.

Montclair visited Ramapo College last Friday in a conference game and were defeated 6-5 by the Roadrunners.

Ramapo enjoyed the lead for a while after senior Mike Pasch scored Carl Lorelli in the first inning on a sacrifice fly. The

Roadrunners added three more runs in the fourth inning. However, Montclair fought back in the top of the eighth with the bases loaded, and finished the inning 5-4. Ramapo's sophomore right fielder Chris Niskock then smacked an RBI single in the bottom of the ninth leading to the Roadrunners' 6-5 victory.

Senior Jason Schuchard enjoyed his first win of the year for Ramapo, giving up one run on two hits, and striking out two. Kevin Rakowski-Kuhlman was the losing pitcher for the Hawks, falling to 0-1 on the year, giving up two runs on two hits, six walks and five strikeouts.

In last Saturday's game against William Paterson University, the Red Hawks were defeated 6-5. The legendary Yogi Berra came out to MSU to throw out the first pitch to start the Red Hawks conference season in a game that wasn't decided until the last inning.

Montclair fought back from a 5-2 deficit and made it even at 5-5 in the bottom of the eighth inning. William Paterson rallied in the top of the ninth to win 6-5.

For MSU, Francia was 1-4 with two runs batted in, while Kermizian was 3-5. The Red Hawks will return to action today to take on Rutgers-Newark in a conference game to be played at Rutgers-Newark.



This week's

RED HAWK ACTION

Thursday, April 8

*Baseball @ Rutgers-Newark, 3:30 p.m.

Softball vs. Felician (DH), 3 p.m.

Men's Golf @ Moravian, PA, 1pm

Friday, April 9

*Baseball vs. Kean University, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 10

*Softball @ Kean University (DH), 1 p.m.

***Baseball vs. NJ City University (DH), 12 p.m.**

Women's Lacrosse @ Philadelphia Textile, PA, 1 p.m.

Men's Golf @ Millersville, PA

Sunday, April 11

Men's Golf @ Millersville, PA

Monday, April 12

Men's Golf MSU Invitational

Men's Lacrosse vs. Centenary College, 7 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. East Stroudsburg, PA, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13

Baseball vs. E. Connecticut, 4 p.m.

***Softball vs. William Paterson (DH), 3 p.m.**

Women's Lacrosse @ The College of New Jersey, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14

Men's Lacrosse vs. Kean University, 7 p.m.

***Men's Tennis vs. Ramapo College, 3:30 p.m.**

* - NJAC matchup
BOLD - Home game

DH - Doubleheader

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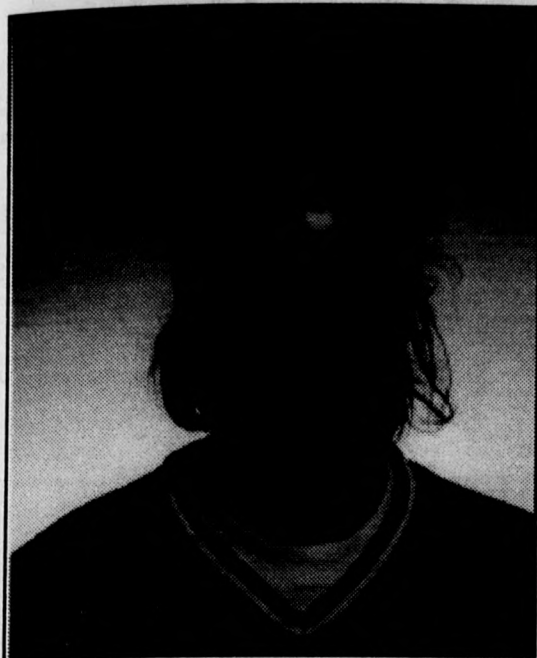
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Sophomore outfielder Alexandra Lamont went 4-5 with four RBI's on Monday at Richard Stockton College, and went 2-3 against Drew University last Saturday in a non-conference doubleheader played at MSU's Quarry Field.



Dan Wydner

Centerfield

Senior

6-0

Port Murray, NJ

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Senior centerfield Dan Wydner was superb this past week tripling in last Saturday's game against William Paterson, going 5-9 total in two games against Rowan University, and also leading the NJAC in triples with four.

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MSU softball too hot to handle; cruising along with winning record of 18-3

By Tess Sterling
Sports Editor

Montclair State University's softball team had another excellent week sweeping both Drew University and Richard Stockton College, improving their record to 18-3.

In the first game against Richard Stockton, Montclair State came out strong scoring the first two runs of the game. The Red Hawks first run was scored by junior infielder Tara Wisz off an RBI single to right field by senior infielder Jamie Lascik. This hit advanced sophomore outfielder Alex Lamont to third, and she subsequently scored when sophomore Kim Caruso smacked an RBI single to second base. MSU would go on to have four single-run innings, making the score 6-1 in their favor.

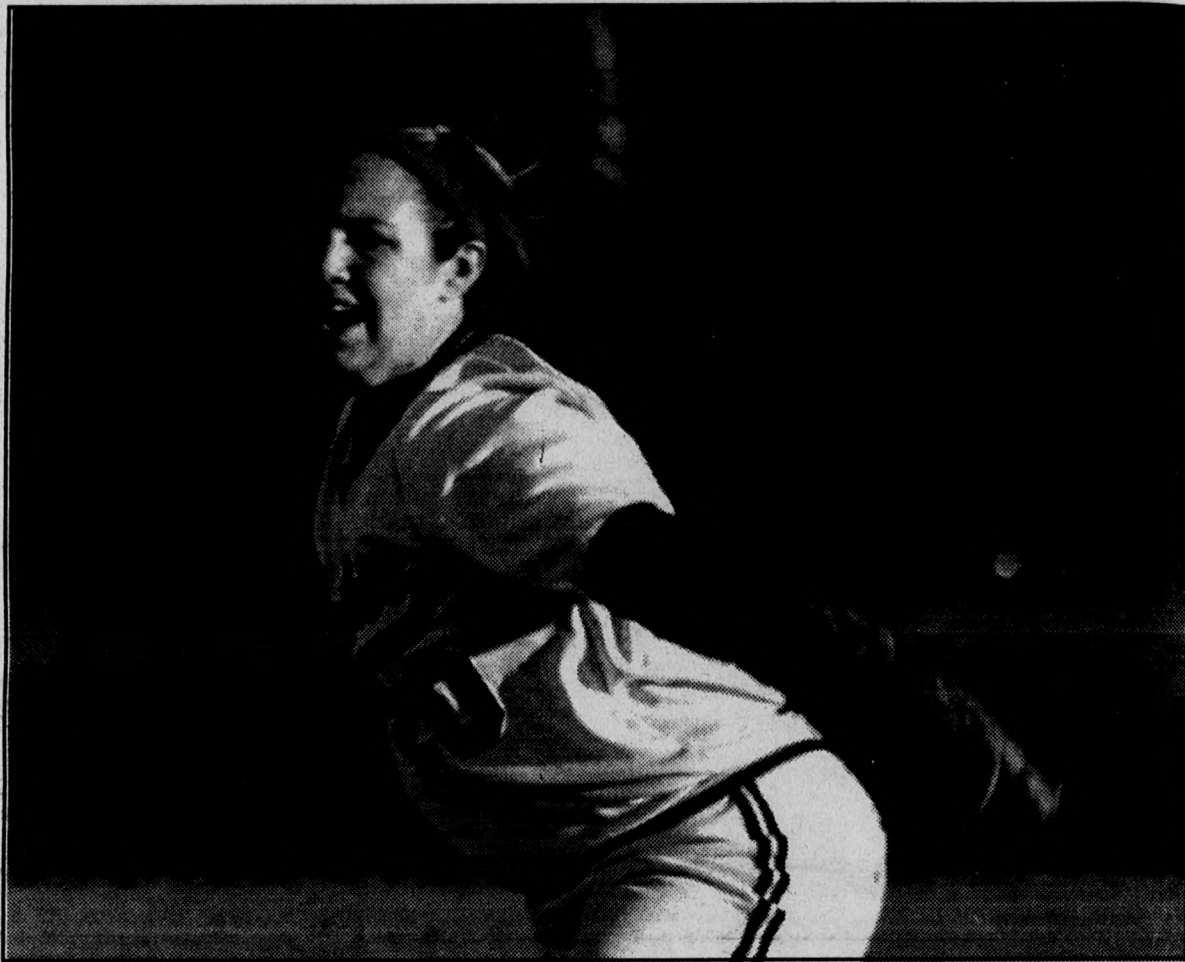
For MSU, Wisz was 2-3 with an RBI, and Lascik was 3-4 with two runs batted in. The winning

pitcher was Sue McCarville who gave up five hits, one run, two walks, and striking out five, improving her record to 13-1.

The second game of the doubleheader against Richard Stockton proved to be as fruitful in runs as the first. Although Montclair came up empty in the first two innings, they produced multiple-run innings thereafter.

For the Red Hawks, Lamont was 4-5 with four RBI's, junior infielder Lisa Czarnecki was 2-4 with one run batted in, and sophomore Evelyn Morozzi was a perfect 3-3 with four RBI's. Sophomore pitcher Caruso won the game on the mound, pitching five innings with five strikeouts, one walk, and four hits. With this win, Caruso improved her record to 5-1 on the season.

Montclair State University women's softball will next be in action today at Rutgers-Newark in a conference game starting at 3:30 p.m.



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Senior pitcher Sue McCarville (#20 - Newfield) prepares to strike out her next victim.

Baseball still searching for solid ground

By Tess Sterling
Sports Editor

Montclair State's baseball team went 2-3 this past week, losing to William Paterson University, Ramapo College, splitting with Rowan University, and defeating Division II Adelphi University. Their record now stands even at 10-10, NJAC 1-3.

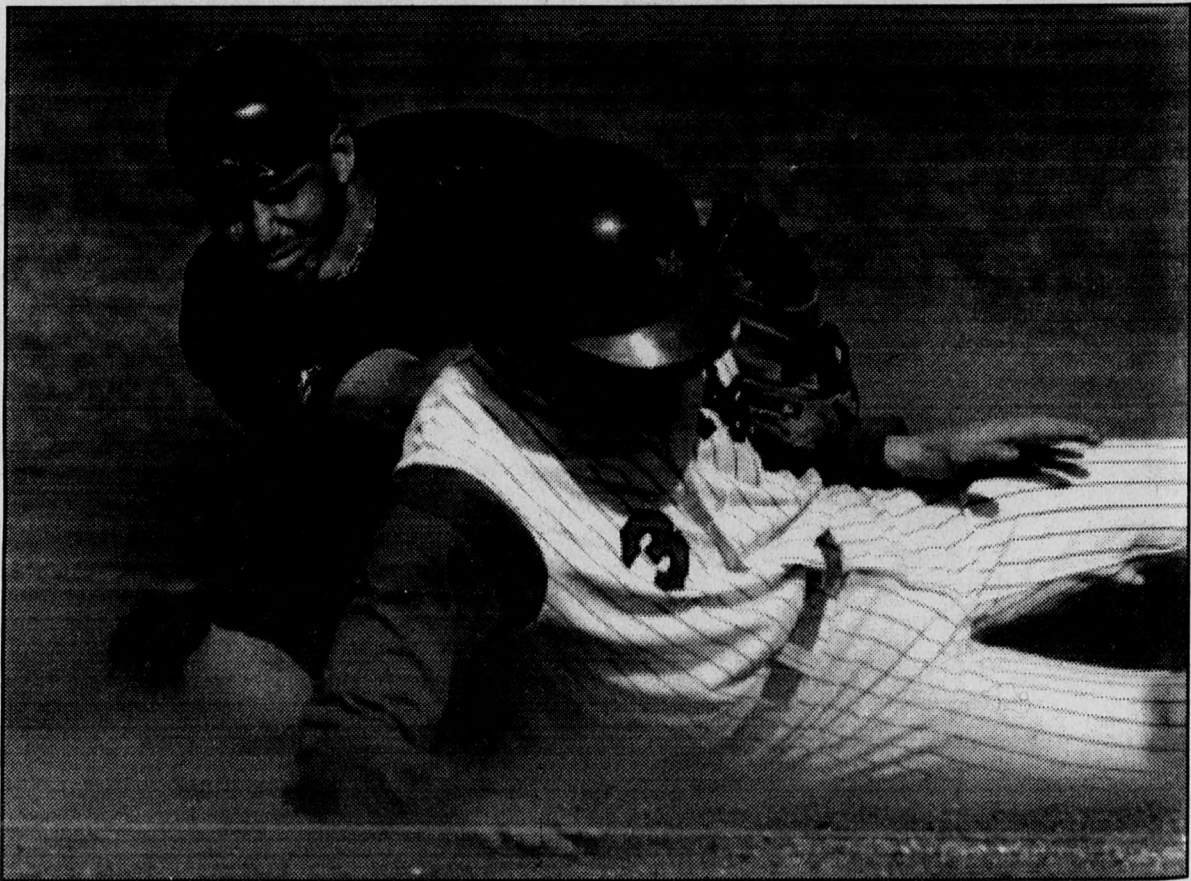
In the game against Adelphi University played at MSU's Yogi Berra Stadium on Tuesday afternoon, junior Frank Francia hit a two-run single, while senior Dan Wydner smacked a three-run triple which were all the runs Montclair would need for the victory. The Red Hawks were behind 1-0 at the beginning of the third inning, when Francia drove in runners from second and third with a two-out, two-run single which made it a 2-1 lead for MSU. Wydner cleared the

bases in the next inning with a triple down the right field line making it a 5-1 lead.

The Panthers retaliated, however, scoring in the fifth inning making the score 5-2. However, with great defensive plays by the Red Hawks, Adelphi failed to put the score past 5-4 in favor of Montclair.

For the Red Hawks, senior lefty Mike Orth had the victory, giving up one run and two hits in three innings of play. He improved his record to 2-0 on the season. Senior outfielder Brian Kermizian was 3-4. In a conference doubleheader against Rowan University at the Yogi Berra Stadium on the campus of Montclair State, the Red Hawks managed to split the games with the Profs. In game one, MSU was defeated and fell to 8-10, 0-3. They were down early by the score of 3-0 in the top of the first after junior centerfielder Mike Dickson

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Freshman infielder Brian Ellerson (#03 - Bayonne) is tagged out despite his efforts in a game against Adelphi University played at MSU's Yogi Berra Stadium.

SPORTS TRIVIA

Brad Bava is a senior righty pitcher on MSU's baseball team. His best year was in 1997. What was his ERA?

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA:

Lois Fyfe.

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